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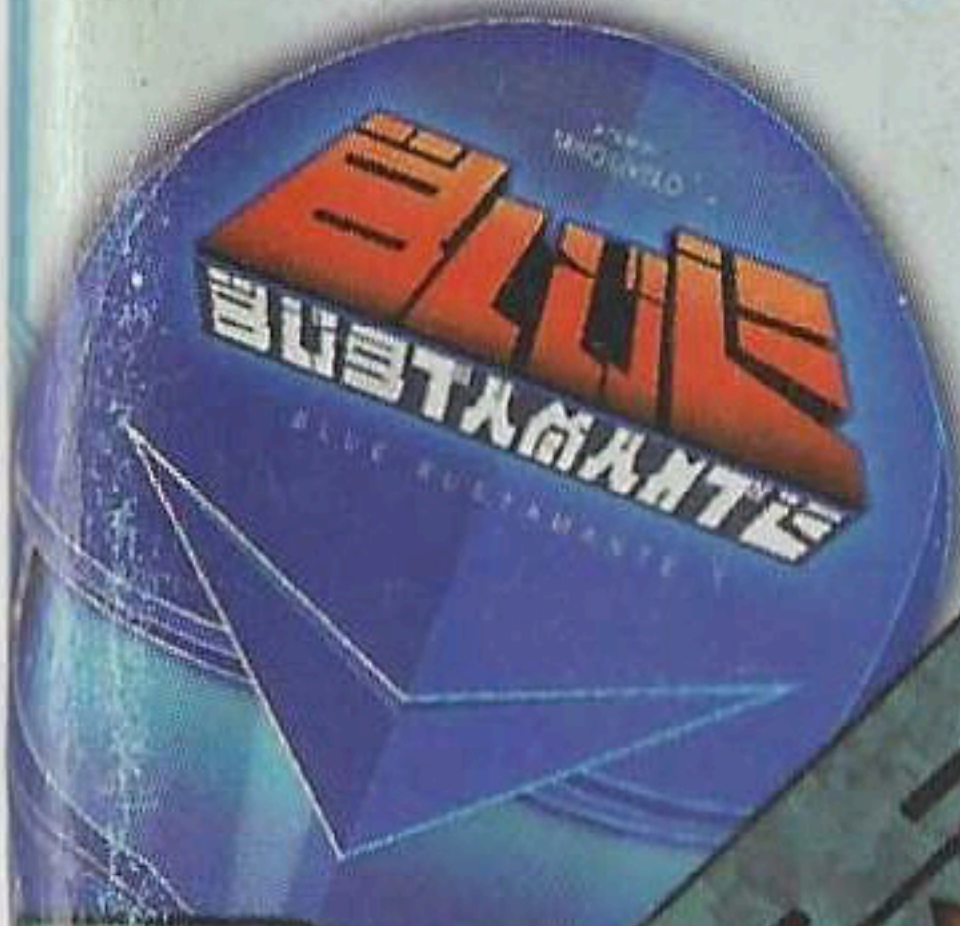
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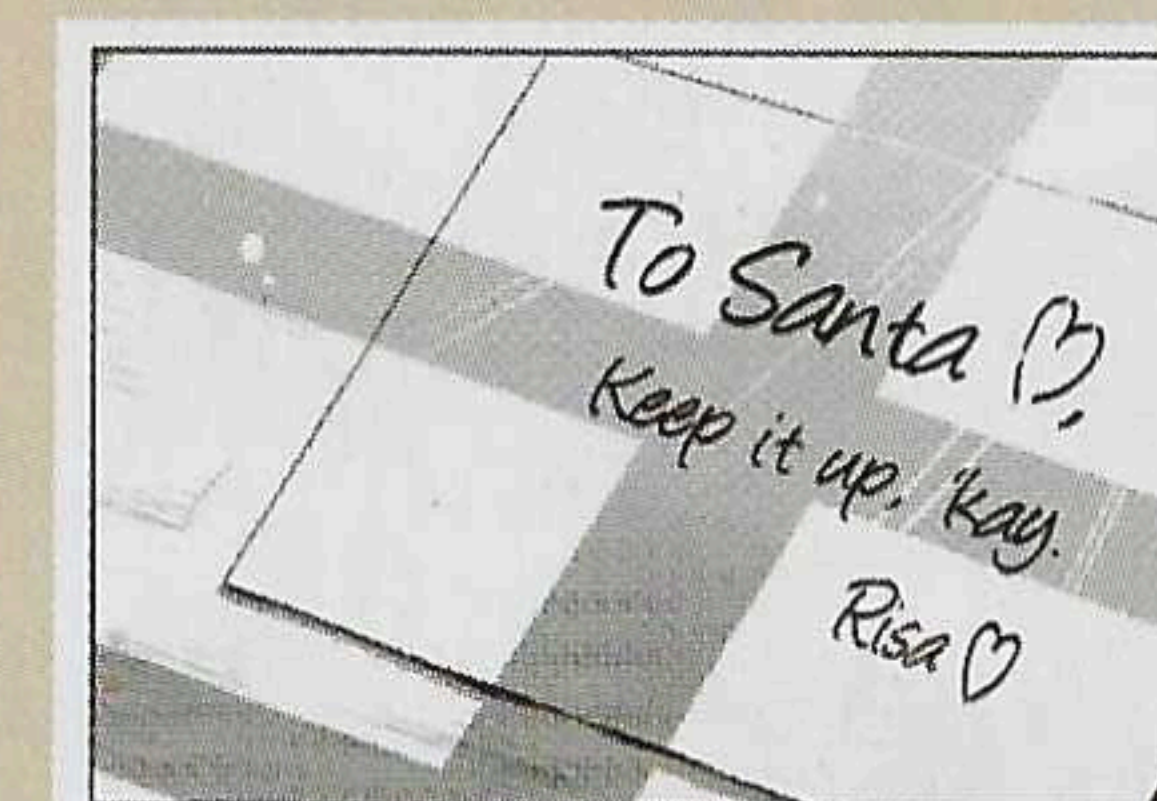


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The cold breeze of air can be felt, Lanterns could be seen on the streets, children singing Carols and people starting to shop for gifts to be given away among their family, friends and colleagues. It is truly Christmas here in the Philippines.

This issue is our Christmas special and year-ender and it's already our 7th issue (yatta!). We present Blazblue for our cover feature and Kyoukai no Kanata for our special feature. Check out also "o-kun year ender" our special segment for this month that tackles about all the "in" anime and special events that happened in the year 2013. We will also be featuring in this issue the Oh-No! Manga Octocon 2 in our con-in-focus.

We will also helping you with choosing what are the gifts that otakus want to receive for Christmas; for both male and female. This will be in our Animix segment. To feel Christmas more we will also be teaching you how to make a simple japanese strawberry shortcake~

We hope you will enjoy this issue so keep sending your fanarts, fanmails and shoutouts to us and we'll make sure it will be included in the upcoming issues.

Merry Christmas Otafans!

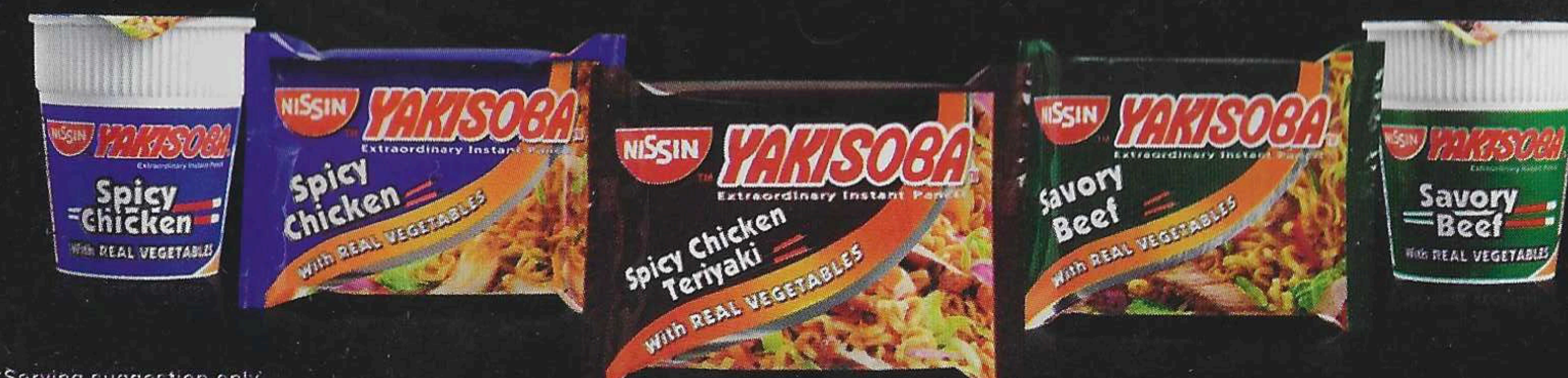
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# INBOX



Maria Pamela Luningning Malaluan

can you feature the anime Log Horizon, Strike the Blood, Gundam Build Fighters, Tokyo Ravens Outbreak Company and Nagi no Asukara.

-Roldan Oliveros

Konnichiwa minna-san !!!

I am James Patrick L. Galvan, would like to greet my whole family, Papa Tom, Mami Jhing, Kuya Jaypee, Patricia, Peaches and Lola Linda, Mahal na mahal ko kayo <3

This was my first fanmail and I am nervous >.<

Thank you OtakuAsia Staff for feeding my Ego every month..

I am always looking forward for the next issue and I hope this will be included in your next issue!! Godbless..||



I Love Otaku Asia :D <3

-Cristhine Joyce Bruzon

Konnichiwa minna :3 Sana as in sana po marinig niyo yung voice na to. LOL para naman boses to XD Gusto ko lang po pasalamatan yung genius na naginbento ng MAG na to. Kasi super as in ang galing niya ( Sana may utak din ako kagaya niya. Ahihi ) Super bless po ang team niyo kasi pinagbigyan kayo ni bro ng abilidad at kakayahan para maproduce to. Ay, masyado na ata akong makata. Basta yun ! Eh, MAGANDA yung mag no more no less.

~ Pakigreet po mga super otaku freak friends ko ! Si Coleen Manabat aka Kurai Zaphiel (Gawa niya pong avatar, sensya na po at naparami yung singhot niya sa anime), Anson Lindo aka Emo guy, Apple Matias ( Cousin ! ) at si Arby Oppa ! aka Dr. Stein na paborito ang sket dance. Houkago Otaku :3

~ Gamit ang Geass ay Inuutusan ko kayo na ifeature ang Soul Eater, Maid Sama, Fairytail and 07-Ghost. Hahahaha, we would really appriate if you can feature those anime <3 <3

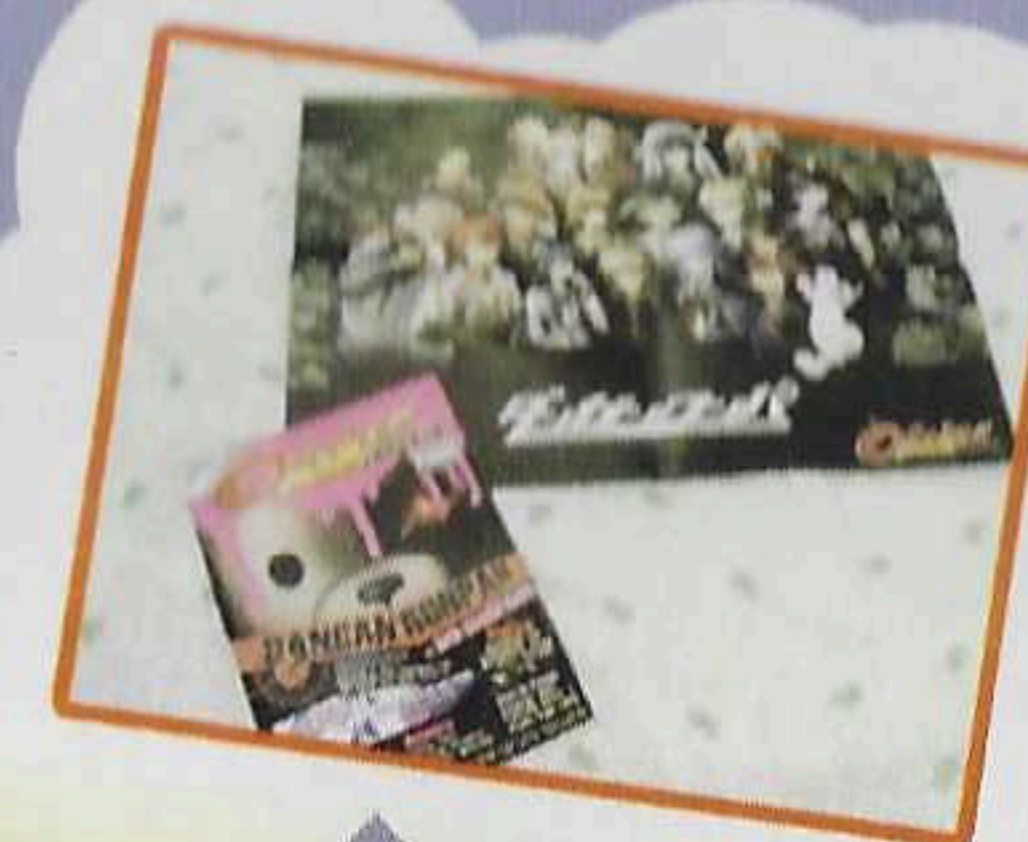
At dahil po masyado ng mahaba ang message ko sasabihin ko na po kung ano ba dapat ang dapat kong sabihin. Eto na, weyt lang ... Hahaha, dejk ! More power po para sa Otaku Asia sana po patuloy niyong bigyan ng happiness ang mga kagaya ko/kagaya namin. (Me and my Cousin)

Signing out, Popsiiclerawr



Konnichiwa I love your Sept ish! DANGANRONPA

-Aj Dragneel Hitsugaya



konnichiwa minna\_san"

This is my fist time messge in your magazine, alam niyo po ay nag co'coletion po ako ng magazine niyo po? It so awsome ang magazine niyo" and na kaka'enjoy basahin lalo na yun mga cosplayer and fastion tip above in how to "CROSSPLAYING" It so i love your magazine at na gostohan din ng family and friends ko ng Magazine niyo!"

Sa nga pala i'm a Cosplayer and may i request Soul Eater...

ARIGATO\_MINNA" MORE POWER PO!"

Maka Duran



..Hi There OA Staffs , I just want to send my artwork here and to be featured someday thanks and more power to your new magazine - - - God Bless..

Nats-kun

Jayson Prado Bautista sana po magfeature po kayo sa animix ng mga classic anime (ung mga 90s anime .. ung wala pang halos ecchi na scene.. XDD) ..

— usang special issue for anime classics.. from 90s - 2005.. hehe.. (hope mganda)

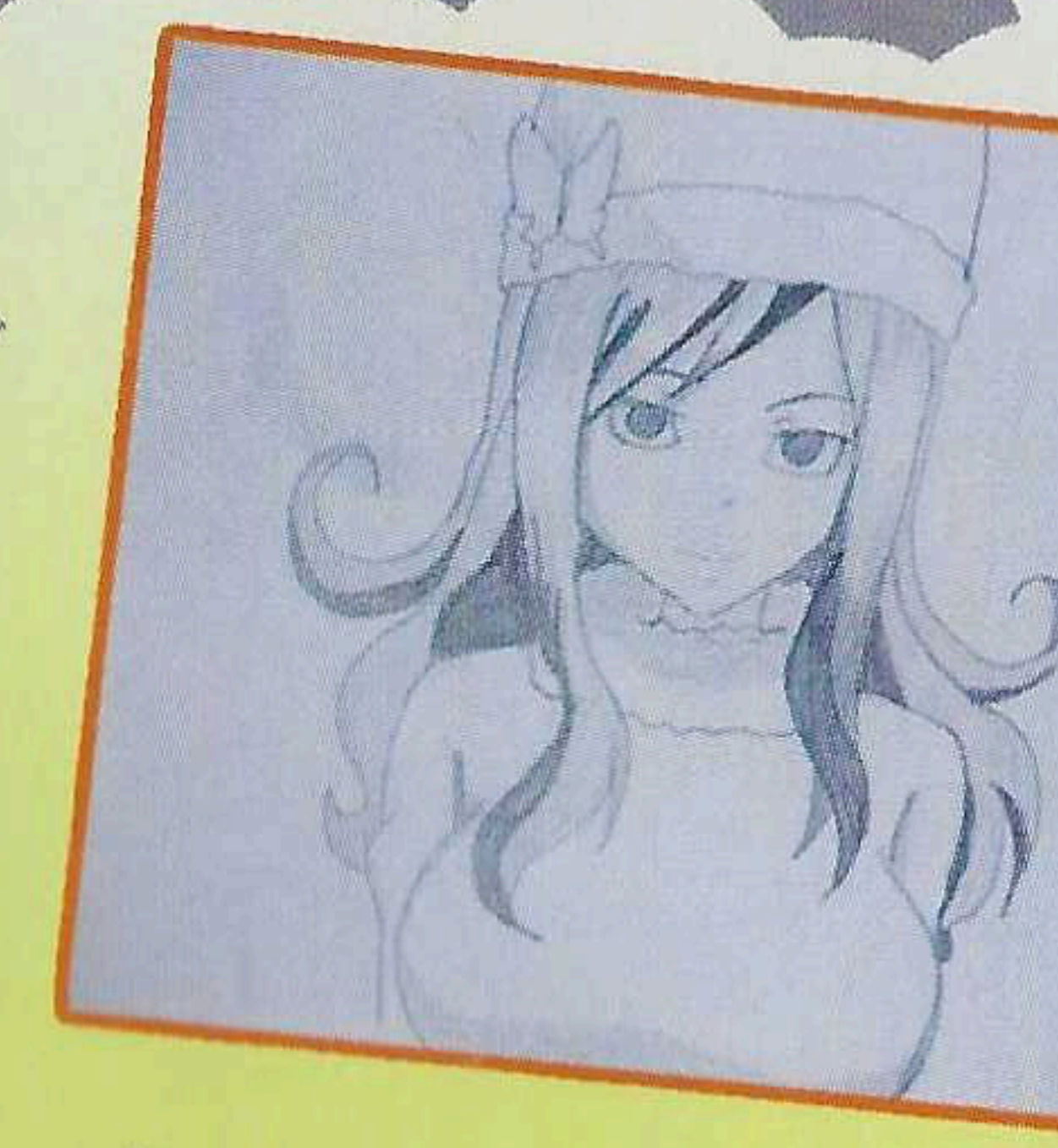
Hi Otaku Asia! I got your gaming issue. I liked that you featured Gundam Extreme VS- the one before it, Gundam Next Plus, is a personal favorite of mine. Oh, and in your summary of Gundam, you said that pilots were trained by scientists-this only applies to Gundam Wing (which is perhaps the series you were aiming for here). Most of the main character Gundam Pilots like Amuro Ray, Kamille Bidan, Kira Yamato, Loran Cehack etc. weren't meant to be Gundam Pilots and just happened to be a the right place at the right time; many were just ordinary guys.

Again, more power and God Bless!

-Bryan Cabingan



Angelika Saldua



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**PERSONA 4 The ULTIMAX HOLD**  
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**JOJO HARUYAMA**

TVアニメ「ジョジョの奇妙な冒険」との  
コラボレーションアイテム登場。

**Gaining a lot of attention these days is the upcoming game, Persona 4: The Ultimate Suplex Hold. A new tournament, "P-1 Climax" is introduced, Persona cards are now not limited to four, new auto combos and shadow characters.**

**Despite the negative reactions of some fans, it's here (or now in Japan)**

**Anime is not limited to a giant anime statue straddling a train or characters that never grow old so the anime will never end. Anime formal wear can be anime inspired too.**

**Haruyama is a business and formal wear store. They once released collections based on Evangelion and now they have teamed up with JoJo's Bizarre Adventure. Joseph Joestar, Caesar, Lisa Lisa and the Red Stone are all featured in button down shirts, neck ties, tie pins, cuff links, kerchiefs and soon, suits.**

**To know more about JoJo's Bizarre Adventure, turn to page 61 of this magazine and read the greatness that is JoJo.**



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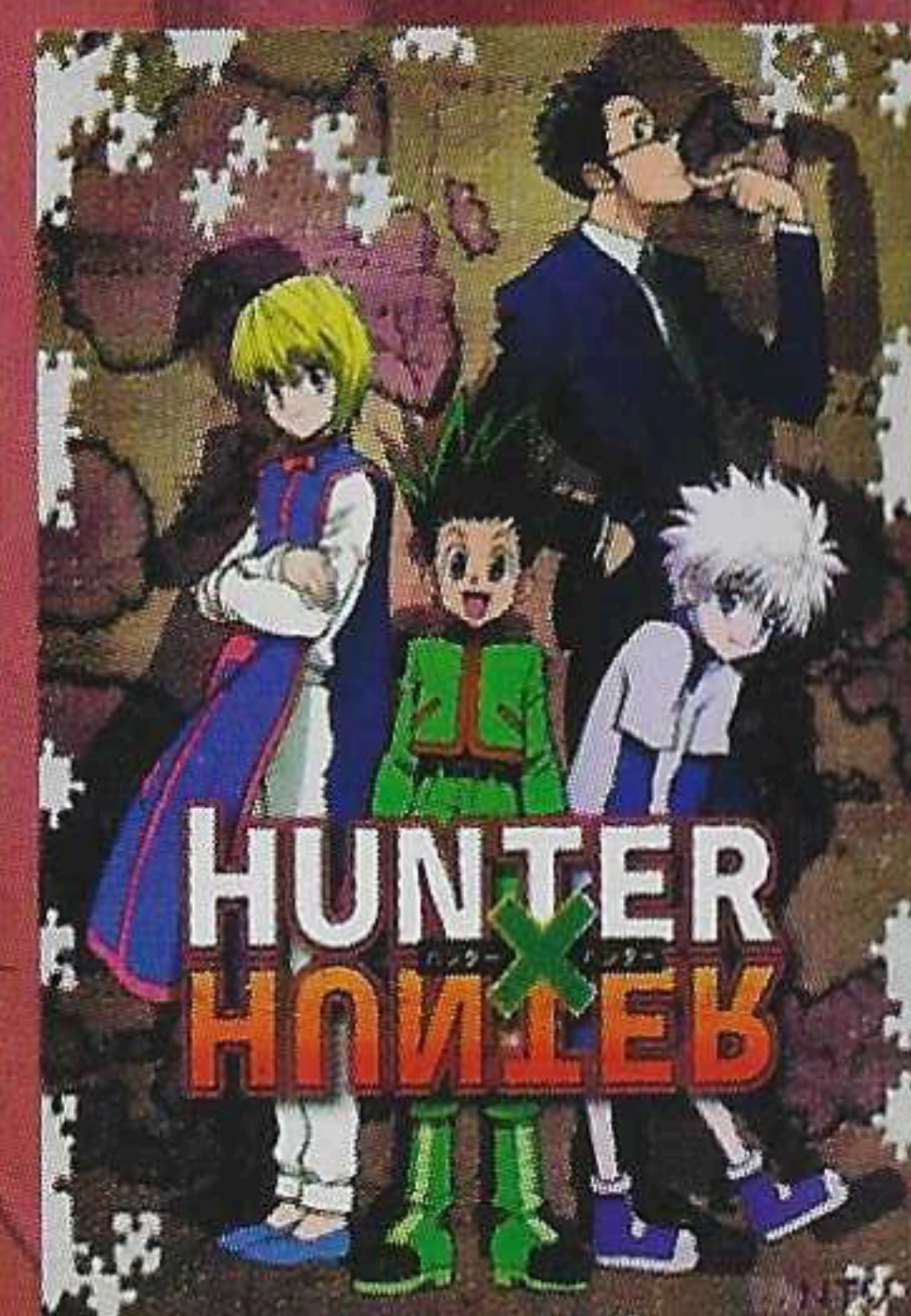
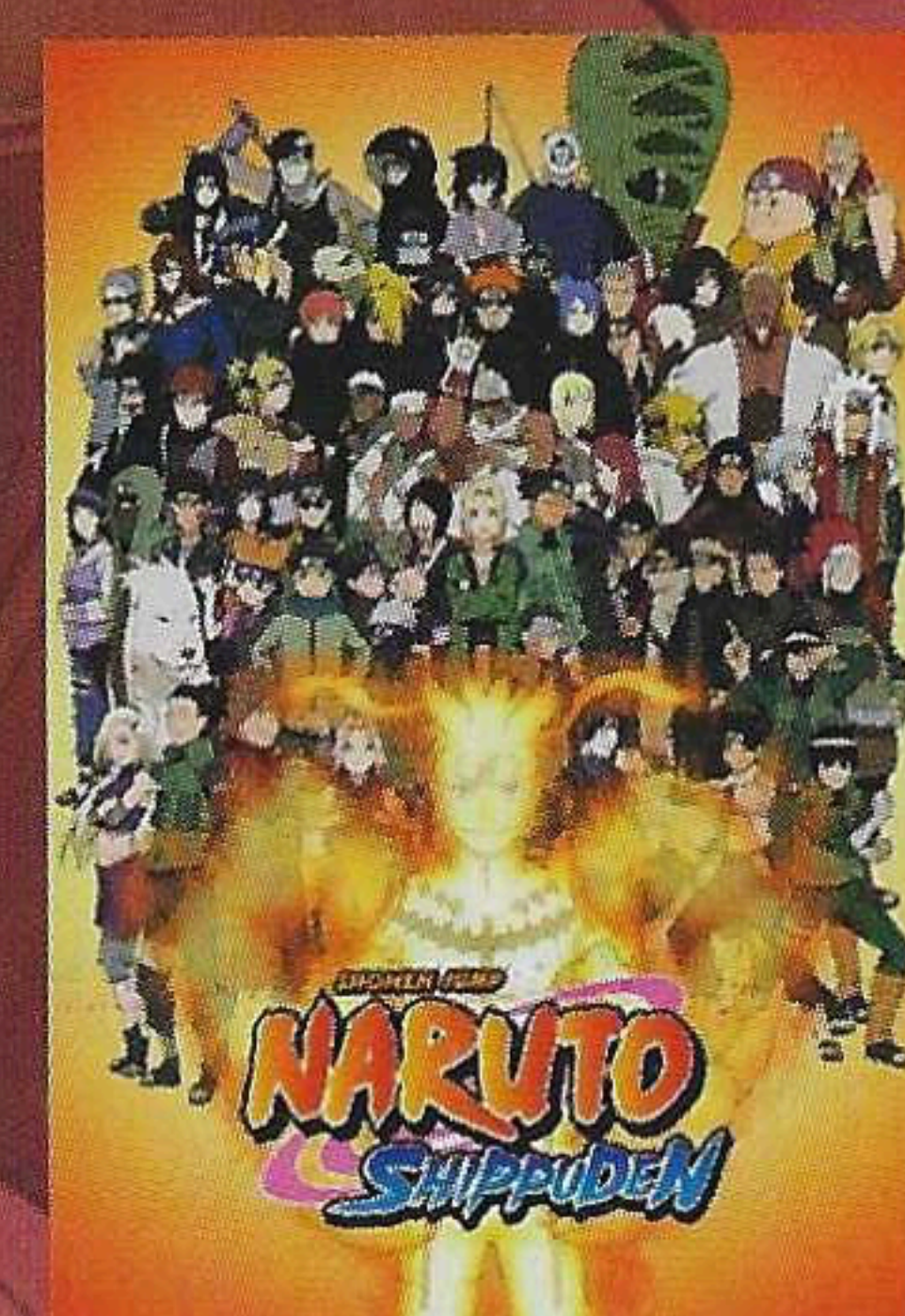
## CARNIVAL 2013

### CANCELLED

Last November 20, 2013, Animax Philippines announced that the upcoming Animax Carnival 2013 on December 8, 2013 that will be held on Trinoma was cancelled. It was later announced that it will be moved on February 1, 2014. Sony Picture Television Networks, Asia who owns Animax made the the decision in respect for the country as it mourns and grieves for the loss of the lives of thousands of people and the great destruction that Yolanda Typhoon has caused.

This year's Animax Carnival's cosplay competition will be featuring three Anime series: Naruto, Fairy Tail and Hunter X Hunter. Each contestant must cosplay from one of the characters from the three anime series. However if the character that you want to cosplay is only shown in the manga or movie, it will not be allowed.

Stay tuned for Animax Asia's latest updates on their website: [www.animax-asia.com](http://www.animax-asia.com). Like them also on their official facebook page: [www.facebook.com/animaxasiatv](http://www.facebook.com/animaxasiatv) and follow them on twitter: [www.twitter.com/animaxasiatv](http://www.twitter.com/animaxasiatv).



written by Yani

# Uta no Prince Sama

## SEASON 3

It was announced last December 1, 2013 by Noriyasu Agematsu of the Elements garden that Uta no Prince Sama will have have a season 3 and will begin airing in Japan on January 2015 during Uta no Prince Sama Maji LoveLive 3rd Stage event .



The anime series was adapted from the game: Uta no Prince-sama; developed by Nippon Ichi Software, Inc and published by Broccoli. It is a dating simulation dating game for girls where there are 7 plots to have and to follow. The main female character goes to Saotome Academy; a prestigious school of performing arts and will be surrounded by fellow male schoolmates who are aspiring to be male idols.



# Megumi Nakajima: Hiatus in Music Industry



Stardust Promotion Agency and Flying Dog music announced last December 1, 2013 that Megumi Nakajima will be on hiatus in music industry at the end of March 2014. The reason for this is that Megumi will focus more on becoming a voice actress.

Megumi will Release her third and last album entitled: "Thank You", as well as her "5th Anniversary Year's Final Live" Megumi Night Forever concert Blu-ray Disc on February 26. Her final live will be on March 20 that will be held at Tokyo.



Megumi is known for her role as Ranka Lee from Macross Frontier anime. She also auditioned and won the acting and singing audition of the said anime. She also voiced GUMI, a vocaloid voice synthesizer.

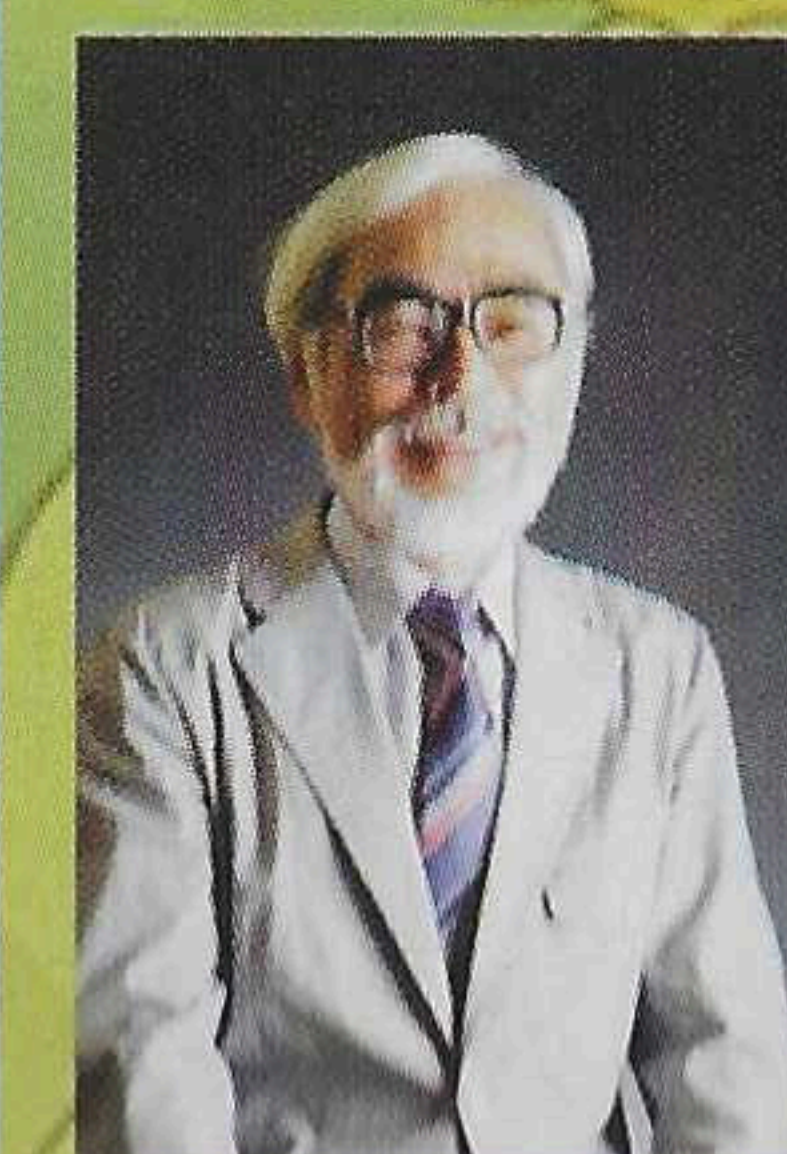


# A Letter to Momo & The Wind Rises

## Nominated for Annie Awards



A letter to Momo by Hiroyuki Okiura and The Wind Rises by Hayao Miyazaki was nominated to the best Animated Feature Category. The two films will be competing against Despicable Me 2, Ernest & Celestine, Frozen, Monsters University, and The Croods.



In addition, Hayao was also nominated for "Outstanding Achievement" for writing an animated feature production: The Wind Rises. He also won the award: "Winsor McCay Award" in 1998. It is an award given to individuals

in recognition to their lifetime contributions in Animation. It started last 1972 and was named after Winsor McCay; a pioneer animator.



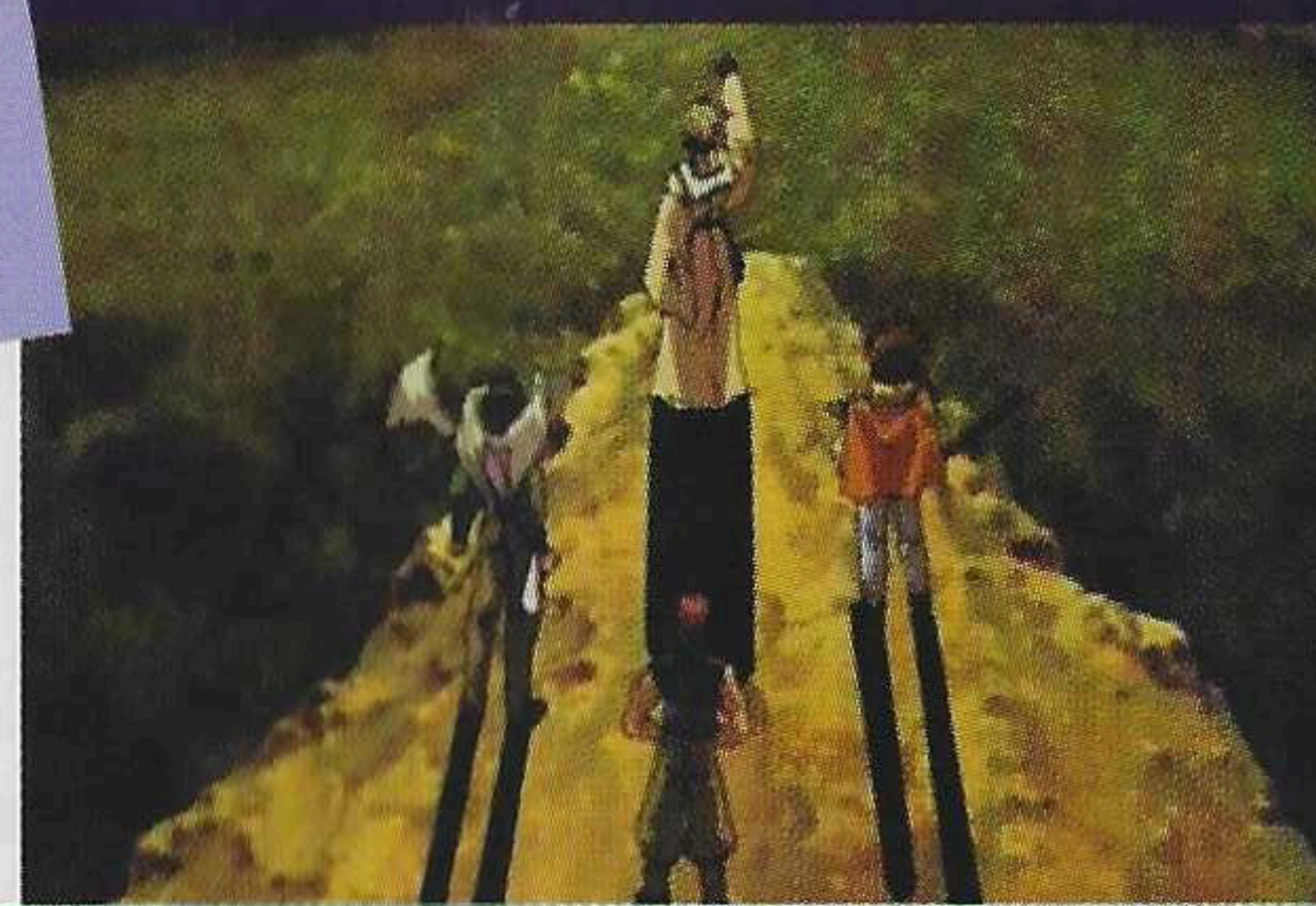




REQUEST

# GENSOMADEN SAIYUKI

by: KissyAngel



In this world there are certain creatures that contribute in the world population, demons. But not all of them lurk in the darkness, others possess characteristics like what we humans have.

A long time ago, demons and humans live in peace and harmony. Until a day came that demons started attacking humans and planned to resurrect the so-called ox demon king, Gyumaoh.

To prevent this from happening, the Sanbutsushin, the three aspects of Buddha, sends Genjyo Sanzo a Buddhist monk; Sha Gojyo, a Half Demon; Cho Hakkai, an ex-human, and Son Goku known as the "monkey king".

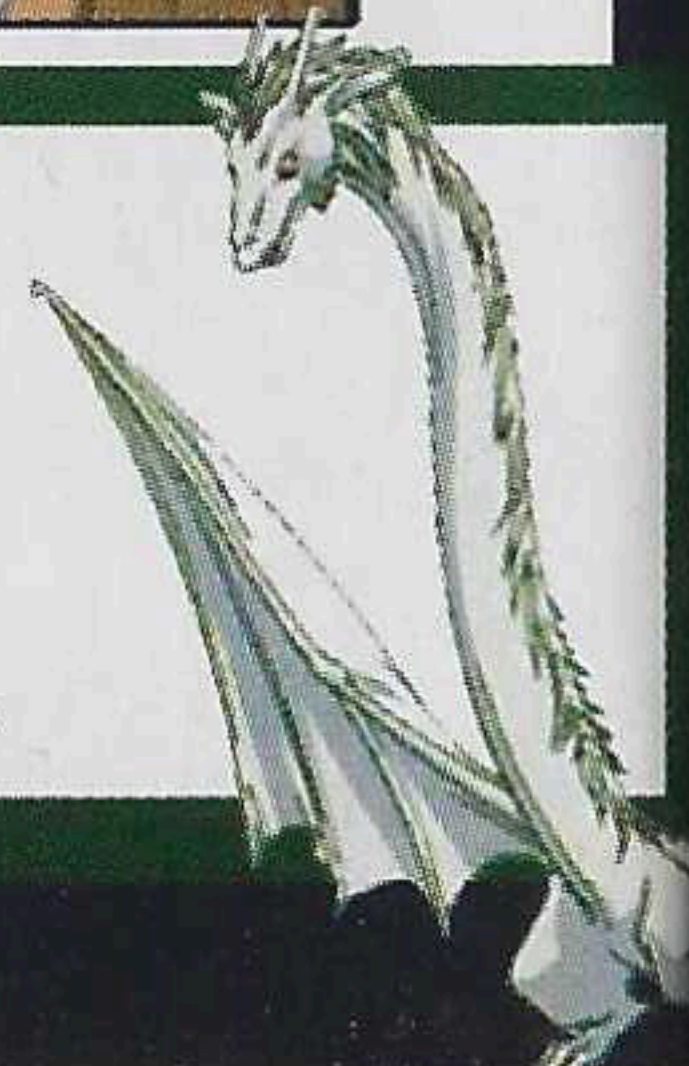
On their way, tragic events seemed to follow them, delaying their mission. Behind these events, Gyokumen Koushou and Dr. Nii Jianyi are pursuing Gyumaoh's resurrection.

Gensomaden Saiyuki was written by Kazuya Minekura, it was adapted from the Chinese novel "Journey to the West". The two series Gensomaden Saiyuki: Requiem and Gensomaden Saiyuki: Kibou no zaika OVA were both directed by Hayato Date, aired in 1999-2000.

Genjou Sanzo is voiced by Seki Toshihiko, Sha Gojyo by Hirata Hiroaki, Cho Hakkai by Akira Ishida, and Son Goku by Hoshi Souichirou.



Can these heavenly sent beings stop this menace and regain a peaceful world? Or will demons succeed? The adventure lies ahead and the answers will be revealed as we join them in this Journey to the extremes.



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# Kuroko no Basuke

Basketball is everywhere! It is a sensation everyone talks about. You'll see a lot of people in the streets and loves running under the scouring heat of the sun. Yet one man will open our eyes to the wider aspect and make us fully understand basketball.

Teiko middle-school ruled the championships for the past 3 years consecutively. Their team's regular players were popularly known as the "Generation of Miracles". Not everybody knows but the Phantom Sixth man also participates in their matches, namely Tetsuya Kuroko.



After graduating, the 6 legendary members decided to enrol on different high schools 'cause they know for fact that they'll soon face each other to prove who's the best player.

Kuroko joined Seirin Team and met Kagami Taiga, a co-freshman from America. Riko Aida, their coach, noticed a growing potential for the new comers that will aid in reaching the National Tournament.

After losing from the last tournament, Seirin Team's feelings didn't waver and pushed themselves harder to practice and improve their skills. While on their way, Seirin's "Light and Shadow", Kagami and Kuroko got caught in a street basketball game. Unexpectedly they met Tatsuya Himuro, Kagami's old acquaintance from America and Atsushi Murasakibara, a former member of the Generation of Miracles. The intense game was ceased as the heavy rain poured leaving an undecided match. Both parties agreed to settle the game in the upcoming Winter Cup Tournament.

The anime adaptation based on the Kuroko no Basuke manga chapters produced by Production I.G. It was originally written by Tadatosh Fujiwaki and directed by Shunsuke Tada. Kuroko no Basket is now running on its second season and was aired last October. Tetsuya Kuroko is voiced by Kensho Ono while Kagami Taiga by Yuuki Ono.

Will Seirin beat the other teams who have "Generation of Miracles" as their ace players? How will the "Light and Shadow" uphold on to the coming challenges? Witness and feel the excitement as we cheer for their future games!



# Samurai X

## Trust & Betrayal

Written by: KissyAngel

Legends say that there was a highly skilled swordsman, who defeats his enemies in a glimpse during the Tokugawa Era; he was well known as Hitokiri Battousai. No one matched his fighting style nor won against him in battles.



A group of travellers were on their way to their next destination unfortunately bandits crossed paths with them. Only the young boy named Shinta survived and was saved by a swordsman, Hiko Seijuro, a master of Hiten Mitsurugi art. Hiko took Shinta as his apprentice and named him "Kenshin" which literally means "heart of sword".

Years passed after he mastered Hiten Mitsurugi, Kenshin left his master for protecting the defenceless and innocent people from the Tokugawa Shogunate. He joined the Choshu Clan as an assassin, and later on he was given the title Hitokiri Battousai. On a mission, he killed a bodyguard named Kiyosato Akira who happens to be the fiancée of Yukishiro Tomoe, a girl he meets after the said assassination.

Choshu Clan was annihilated by Shinsengumi and for this reason the leader concluded that there is a spy in the Choshu Clan. So he arranged Kenshin and Tomoe to hide in Otsu village as husband and wife. They're already living peacefully and to their surprise, an unexpected visitor had arrived.



Samurai X: Trust and Betrayal OVA is prequel story of the Rurouni Kenshin anime series. It was directed by Kazuhiro Furuhashi. It was adopted from manga written and illustrated by Nobuhiro Watsuki. The OVA was released in Japan in 1999. Kenshin Himura is voiced by Mayo Suzukaze, Tomoe Yukishiro by Junko Iwao, and Hiko Seijuro by Shuichi Ikeda

The animation is perfectly suited for its plot 'cause of its fast-action paced scenes. A highly recommended movie for fans of these series, most especially for those who are curious how Kenshin acquired his X mark.







JUST JAPAN

By: Ann

# A Very Japanese Christmas

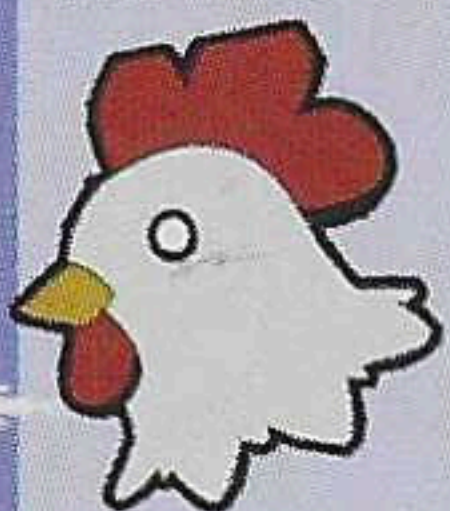
Feeling the chilly wind and hearing Christmas songs everywhere nowadays remind us that the yuletide season is just around the corner. For some countries like Japan, it means more than just white Christmas, it's also the season for exchanging gifts, for eating Christmas cake and fried chicken, for partying and most importantly, for sharing love!



To begin with, the idea of Christmas is a foreign concept that the Japanese have adapted into their culture after the 16th century. Since only a small portion of their population consists of the Christians, and the Japanese give more importance to the New Year's Day, Christmas is not considered a national holiday. Still, today, it is celebrated by everyone because it has been popular after being commercialized and has been accepted as a festival.

You can feel the presence of the Christmas spirit when you see the flashy and colorful lights, the well-decorated Christmas trees, the various Santa Claus effigies, and the highlight of every feast — food!

Christmas in Japan is mostly about the Christmas cakes that are **sponge cakes** covered with whipped cream and adorned with fruits like strawberries. It is part of their custom that the cakes should be bought and not made. It is also most important that these cakes are sold before the 25th ends, otherwise it is considered old.



Another star on their dining tables is the **fried chicken**, especially if it's from a popular fastfood that started such a tradition. Local fastfoods even make it a point to let the customers make reservations days before the main event.



Year-end parties known as **bonenkai** or "**forget-the-old-year**" parties are also popular in Japan during this season because it's the perfect way to gather with loved ones, officemates and classmates to celebrate and exchange gifts. Most parties are held in restaurants and karaoke bars.

On the other hand, love is indeed in the air when you talk about Japanese Christmas. It would even seem more like the Western concept of Valentine's Day because of how it becomes a day mostly spent by lovers to dine in a romantic restaurant, exchange gifts, and cuddle and kiss under the mistletoe. A lot of anime would also give you the idea that Christmas is a time for love confessions to be made. The atmosphere makes everyone feel so special that you would really consider sharing that moment with someone special.

Finally, what's Christmas without the presents? Since Christmas is best celebrated with the good old gift-giving Santa Claus, it is understandable that parents take on his role within families. Gifts can range from something cute to something handmade. The more intimate your relationship is with a person, the more special, and maybe even expensive the gift should be. However, rather than on the 25th, the obligatory gifts called **oseibo** are usually given on New Year's Day to people whom you do not share an intimate relationship with.



Even without being in Japan, we can always celebrate the Japanese way by buying a Christmas cake and maybe sharing it with our family, friends or even someone special. Make it a date to remember and don't forget the fried chicken. **What matters most is to stay healthy and happy while sharing love all around!**

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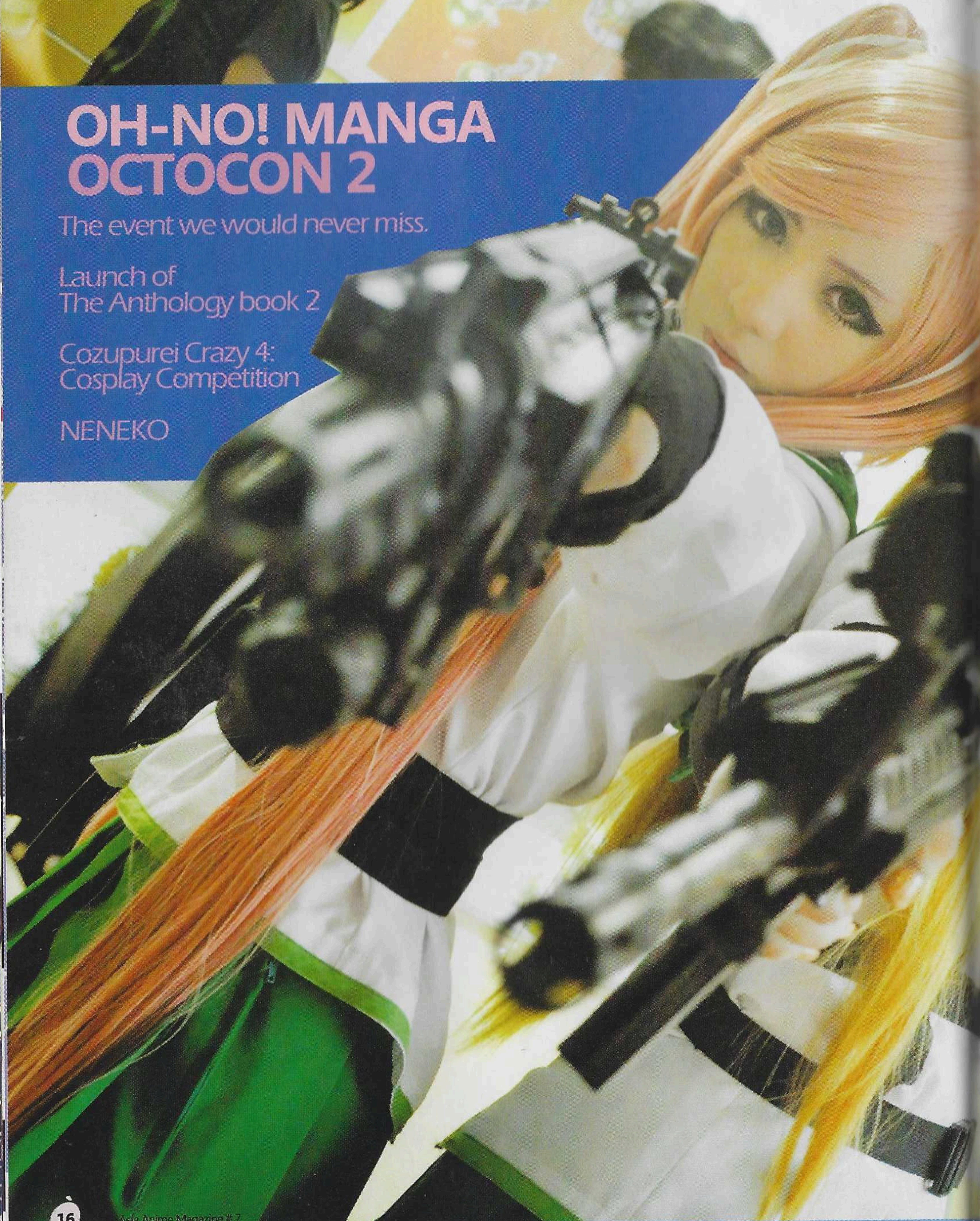
## OH-NO! MANGA OCTOCON 2

The event we would never miss.

Launch of  
The Anthology book 2

Cozupurei Crazy 4:  
Cosplay Competition

NENEKO



More pictures on  
our Facebook page

Images taken by Pamil



The first OctoCon was held in SM City Taytay. This year, with more to celebrate and to show off, Oh-No! Manga went all out inviting Taiwanese cosplayer, Neneko to guest with Jia Gold Bustamante. There was also a bigger turnout than last year.

The pride of Oh-No! Manga, The Anthology Book 2 was released and sold on site.

The cosplay competition was also made more exciting because other than the normal free Geollica lenses, they also gave away Limited edition brass pins in memory of the event.

Otaku Asia staff also had a lot of fun giving away magazines through a series of games like bring me, dare and question and answer.

At the end of the day, tired and sleepy congoers rested with their free magazines, event loots and Neneko signed items watching Asdf videos.



# BUZZ PANDA

Otaku Asia first met Buzz in a university organization we were members of.

From cosplaying school girls, to crossplaying, to a realistic Mikasa cosplay, Buzz is making a buzz in local cosplay.

Let us meet her!

Camille Kyle Chan or popularly known as Buzz Panda is a Filipina cosplayer. Only 18, she has cosplayed over 12 characters.

Buzz started her cosplaying adventure in 2010 during ToyCon as Azusa Nakano from K-On! with friends and her sister.

She started cosplaying male characters, visual kei and k-pop.

During the college week in her school, she paraded as Ciel Robin Phantomhive from Black Butler.

Just when we thought that she will keep cosplaying male characters, we saw her Kaoru Kamiya (Samurai X) cosplay for the Fantasy Quest posters! Another surprise was her Mikasa Ackerman (Attack on Titan) cosplay during the event!

The Otaku Asia team immediately asked if we can feature her in the magazine and she agreed!

Lately, Buzz has been busy being a Despicable Me minion, a fine arts student and a gamer. Otaku Asia still caught up to her and she let us ask her a few questions:

## Trivia:

Buzz made a Facebook account of her crossdress and named it as her brother.

## What sort of characters do you like cosplaying?

### And what sort of characters do you find fit for you to cosplay?

>> I hate to say this because these characters are so mainstream. We call them "tsundere". My friends are claiming that I fit these characters because I act like them sometimes. I also consider female characters who are known to be physically and emotionally strong like Mikasa Ackerman and Asuka Kazama. I think it'll be more appropriate if I call them female fighters who are less girly.

## Why did you start cosplaying?

>> It all started out of curiosity and wanting to explore the otaku world more.

## As a popular cosplayer, for you, what are the crucial criteria in choosing a character?

>> I don't consider myself popular (lol). But I think the hardest part in choosing a character to portray is the right choice of character itself. When people expect a lot from you and you kinda doubt if you really can make it.

## Do you have a preference to cosplay female or male characters?

>> During my earlier years of cosplaying, I prefer male characters because they were easier to cosplay. But recently, I prefer female characters more. The more challenging they are, the more I find it enjoying and remarkable.

## What is something you have learnt from cosplay?

>> First thing I learned in cosplaying is sociability; being sociable to all kinds of people. Being a cosplayer for me is having two communities: the otaku community and your original community where not all people could understand your other world. Second is being more artistic and crafty and lastly, it's funny to say this but I learned how to be photogenic because of cosplaying.







**When did you start making illustrations, paintings, graphic designing and installation layouts?**

>> I've been drawing and illustrating since I was a kid. The painting, graphic designing and layouts just started when I entered college.

**How did you develop your art as an inspiration? Coz you have a lot of fans and viewers when it comes to art and also your deviantart.**

>> I treat my art like my babies. I love them and I think that would be enough for an artist to be inspired by their own work.

**How did cosplay change your life? And how's your life as an Artist?**

>> Cosplaying opened my eyes in different forms of art and I guess being a cosplayer is one of the reasons why I chose to be an artist. Today, I can say that I'm not a full artist yet and I have a lot of things to learn.

**Which is your favorite cosplay costume by far?**

>> I guess my Kaoru Kamiya cosplay and Mikasa Ackerman cosplay are my most favorites.

**Any dream cosplay for 2014?**

>> Hopefully I would make a good Asuka Kazama cosplay. Also, I want to cosplay Mitsuru Kirijo and Asuna.

Buzz Panda was recently awarded Razor's Mineschic of August during the Pinoy Gaming Festival last Oct 27. She's also a member of Komikult, a group of comic artists from UST.

We're sure we will keep seeing Buzz Panda's cosplays and artworks in the days to come.

You can see more pictures and be updated from her Facebook Official Cosplay Page



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Why choose between "health" and "taste"...  
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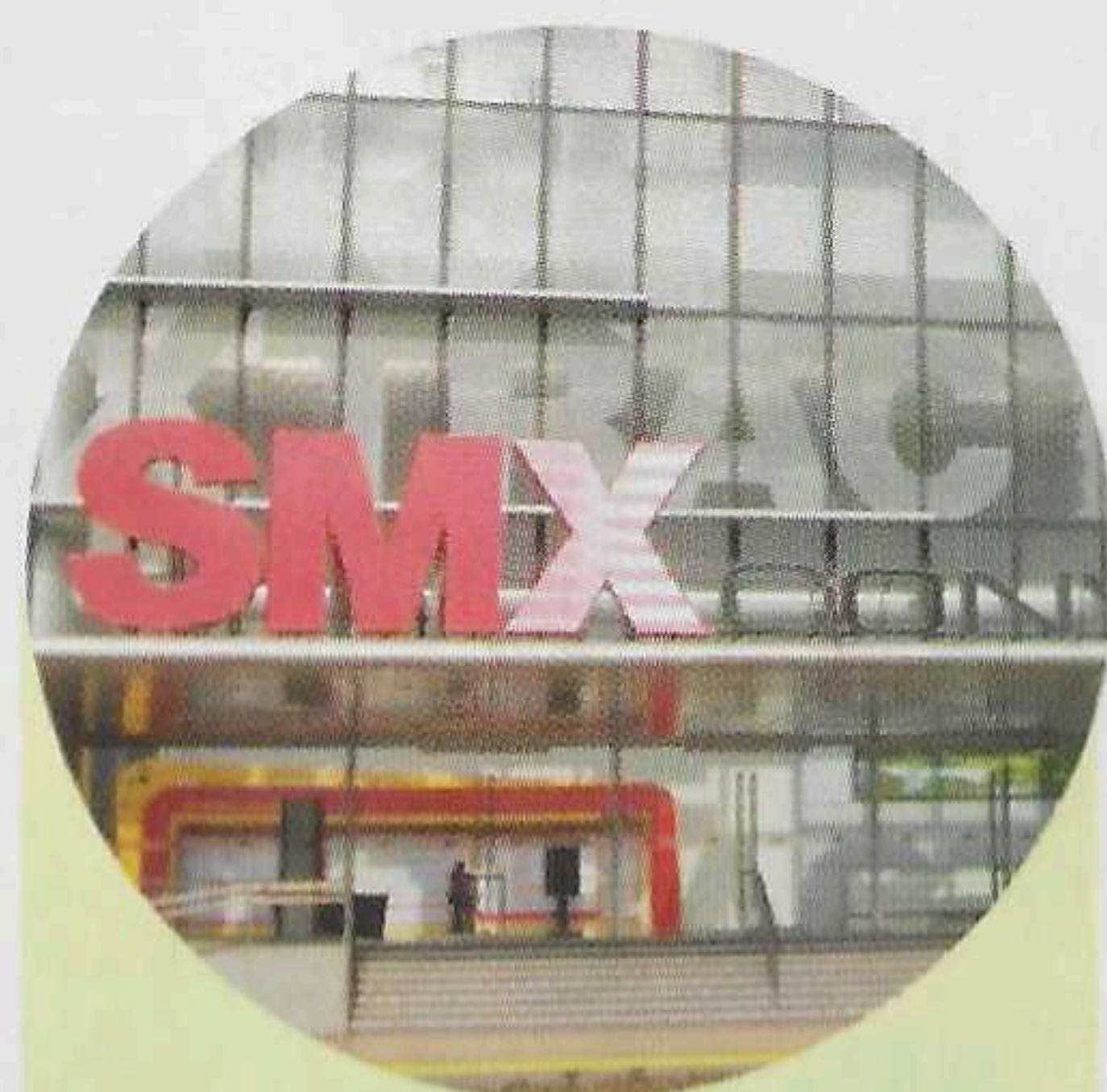
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# 5

## USUAL CONVENTION PLACES HOW to get there, WHERE TO EAT

security guard  
issues  
and more  
in short,  
how to  
SURVIVE



The largest private venue in the PH. Events held at SMX MoA are generalized to be high quality, "big time" and well budgeted.

### Rules

Bags will be checked by the entrance  
No outside food  
Decent attire  
No loitering  
Setting up of cameras on the hallway is prohibited

### Getting there

from the north:  
MRT to Taft station  
Jeepney to MoA

Bus to MoA

from the south:  
Bus, jeep or FX

**Where to eat**  
MoA

### Tips and Tricks

Going in and out is a hassle. There is a bridgeway to MoA on the 2nd floor which is not so heavily guarded and crowded. Food can also be sneaked in if you're a ninja. If there is a barrier, do not fight it. The guards are strict and unwavering (even if you desperately have to pee). There might be events on other halls so you just have to behave.



Well known and pre-loved. Conventions in Megatrade Halls are mostly those focused on selling wares and goods.

### Rules

No loitering  
Don't hang outside shops  
Don't sit down on the floor  
Toilets and changing rooms are available at every floor  
Avoid the chapel when in costume

### Getting there

from the north:  
MRT to Ortigas station  
short walk to Megamall

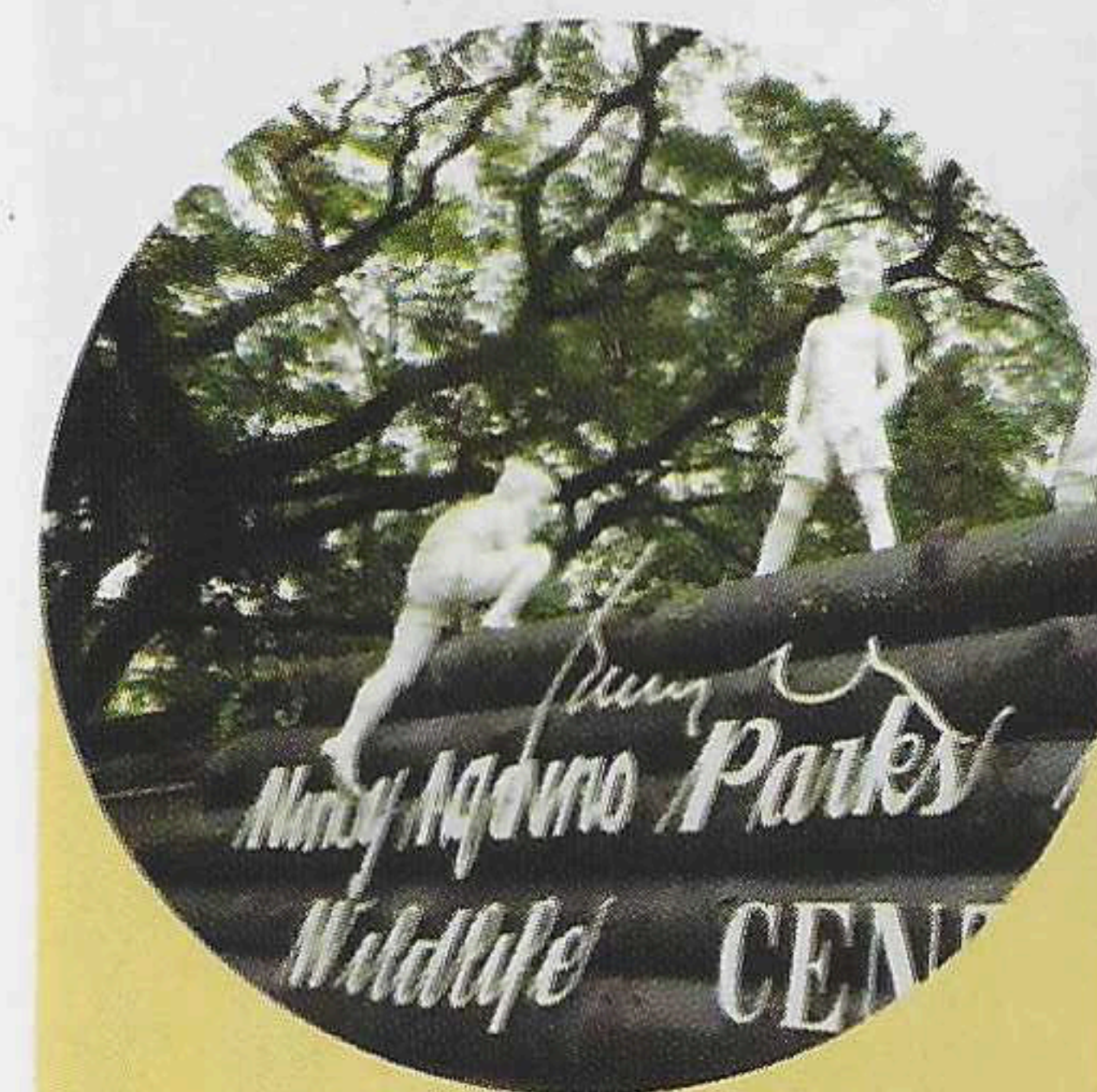
from the south:  
MRT to Ortigas station  
short walk to Megamall

Bus to Megamall

**Where to eat**  
KFC

### Tips and Tricks

If you're outside the hall, simply avoid the shops and standing near them. You'll get less "Bawal jan" from the guards. If you can hold it long enough, use comfort rooms at the other side of the mall. The carpark outside is a great place to have a photoshoot.



The wild life just got wilder. The Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center is the usual place of IOP and other shoots. Mainly because of the nature shoots, the ambiance and the animals. Then there's also the issue of cheap entrance.

### Rules

Respect the animals and nature itself  
No littering

### Getting there

MRT to Quezon Avenue  
jeepney to Wildlife

### Where to eat

Fastfood delivery is allowed. You can also bring in food as baon. There are small stores inside. You'll just have to walk around to find it. Offers drinks, burgers and footlong.

### Tips and Tricks

Must bring umbrella, food, extra clothes, fan, slippers. Imagine you'll go on a field trip. There are lots of places to shoot but also lots of mini friends (frogs, ants, bugs, etc) so take a good look where you'll pose.

Clean as you go.



Only the greatest and the biggest events are held here in the World Trade Center. Exhibits, trade shows, and celebrations can be housed here.

### Rules

No deadly weapon, food, water.

### Getting there

from MoA:  
Jeepney

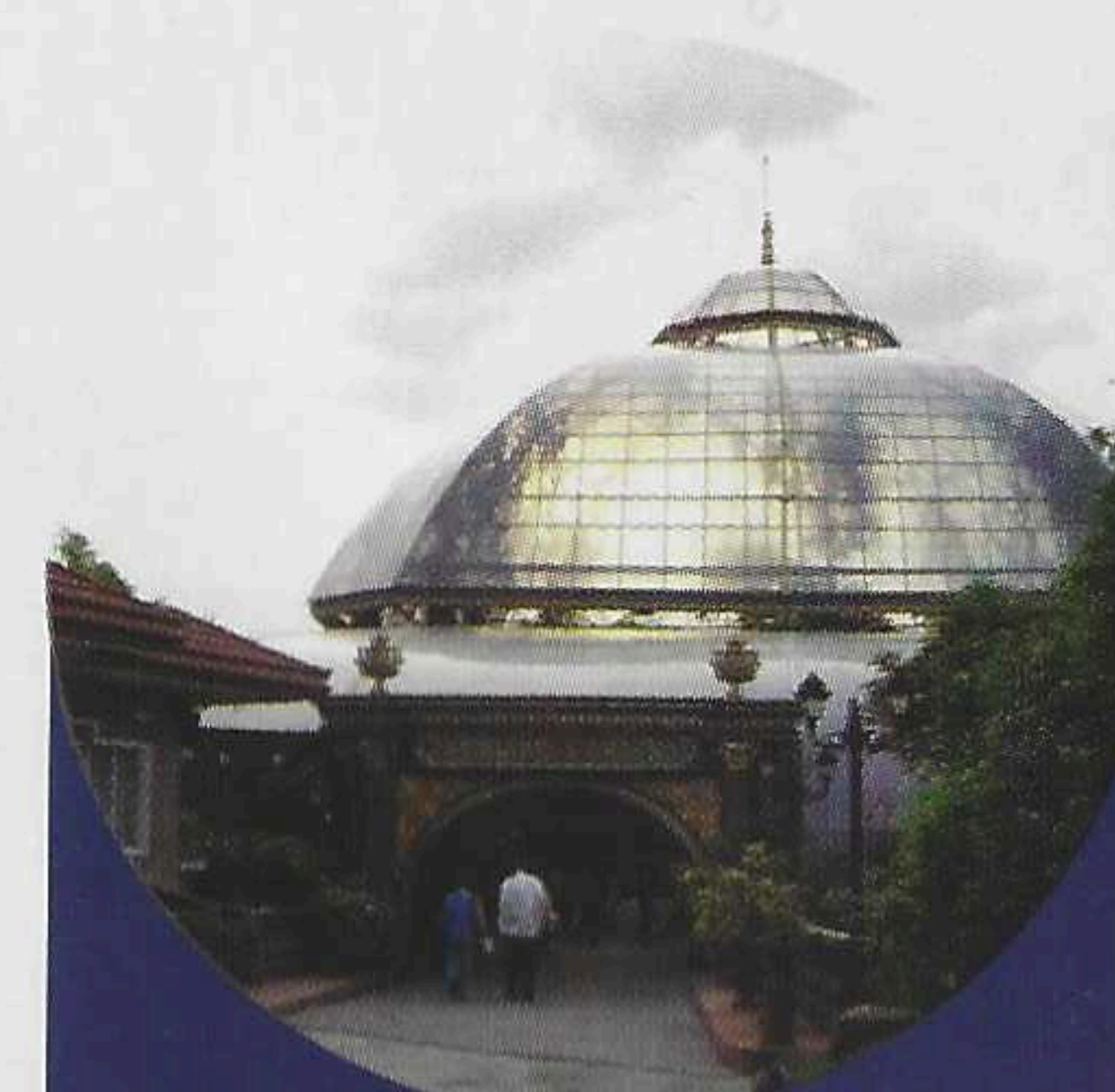
from Las Piñas:  
Bus going to V.Cruz/  
Buendia

### Where to eat

Chicboy and Jollibee on the other side of the road. Inside: Surely, there will be food stalls or catering.

### Tips and Tricks

Pencils and ballpens are considered sharp deadly weapons. Parking is limited and first come first served.



Fernwood Gardens has been the event place of one of the most prestigious cosplay gathering in the Metro, *Fantasy Quest*, for 3 years running.

### Rules

Play nice.  
Closing time is 9pm.  
Pack-up early before 9, they are strict about this.

**Getting there**  
Taxi.

### Where to eat

The place is near a few local stores but we trust that whatever event held here will have quality catering and stalls. You will not go hungry.

### Tips and Tricks

It's a covered garden so you don't have to worry about the rain completely. However, you'll have to bring a fan, wear comfortable costumes/clothes because it can get humid. Stock on make-up, because the heat will get to you.

Lastly, don't forget to clean as you go. The beauty of the garden must be as it was before you came.

More guides next issue!  
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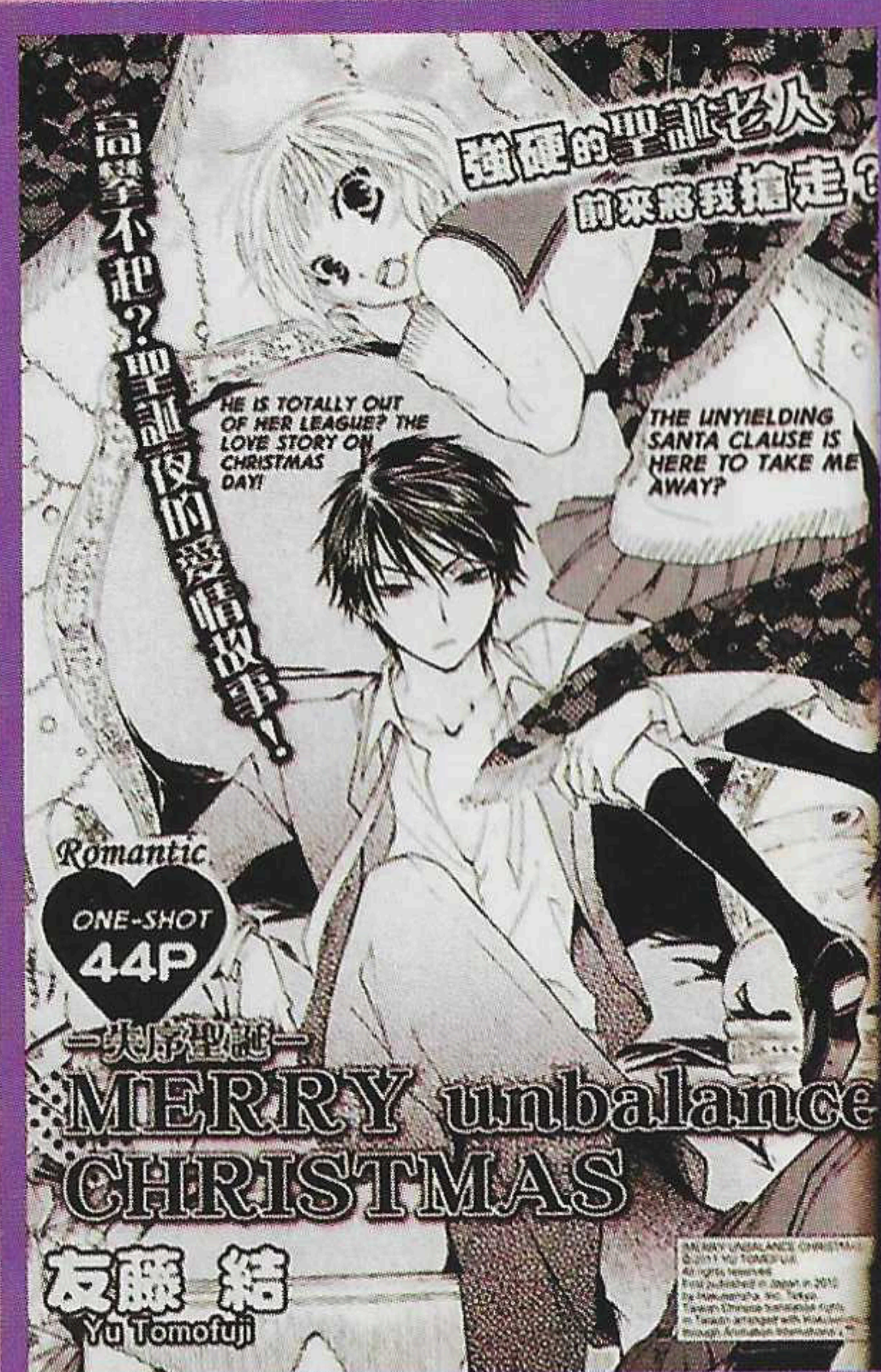




**MANGA**

written by: James

# MERRY UNBALANCE CHRISTMAS



**Released:**  
2011

**Artist:**  
Tomofuji Yu

**Author:**  
Tomofuji Yu

**Genre:**  
One Shot, Drama  
Romance, Shoujo



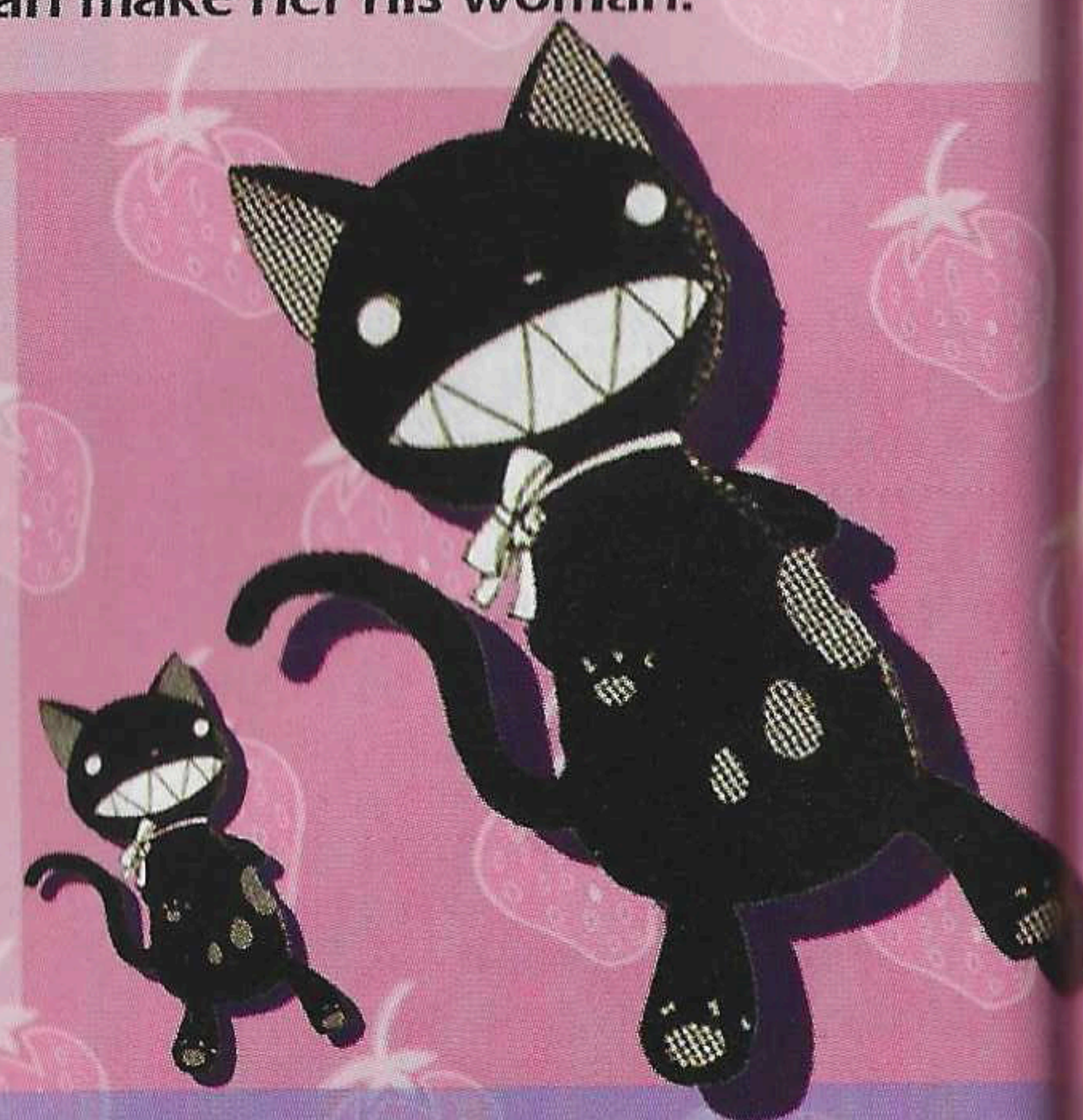
For a freshman girl named Tsumare, Christmas is when she gives herself a treat: a soluxer fruit tart. It's no ordinary fruit tart, as it's made with rare and imported mangoes, thus its price tag of a whopping 110 US Dollars as well as the need for it to be preordered three months before.

But just when Tsumare is going to get her much-awaited luxury dessert, Sousuke, a handsome but arrogant man, buys the fruit tart that she has been longing for, gives her some money, and tells her to go off and buy something else. Of course, Tsumare, despite being helpless about it, doesn't let it go that easily. Sousuke, on the other hand, has become impressed with her tenacity, so he orders his assistant to bring her to him so that he can make her his woman.

While the manga doesn't steer clear of the usual shoujotropes, that doesn't really make it a carbon copy of the tried and tested bad - boy - meets - girl - who - stands - up - to - him formula. Rather, it goes deeper and tries to explain why Sousuke acts in such a way and what motivates him to chase Tsumare, even though it's only about forty pages long.

Despite being focused on romance, it doesn't really overshadow the heartwarming Christmas theme, atmosphere, as well as the message that is just perfect in this season of giving.

So if you're feeling a little cold during the holidays, give this one-shot a shot.



# CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS

**Released:**  
1989

**Artist:**  
Takeuchi Naoko

**Author:**  
Takeuchi Naoko

**Genre:**  
Comedy, Romance, Shoujo

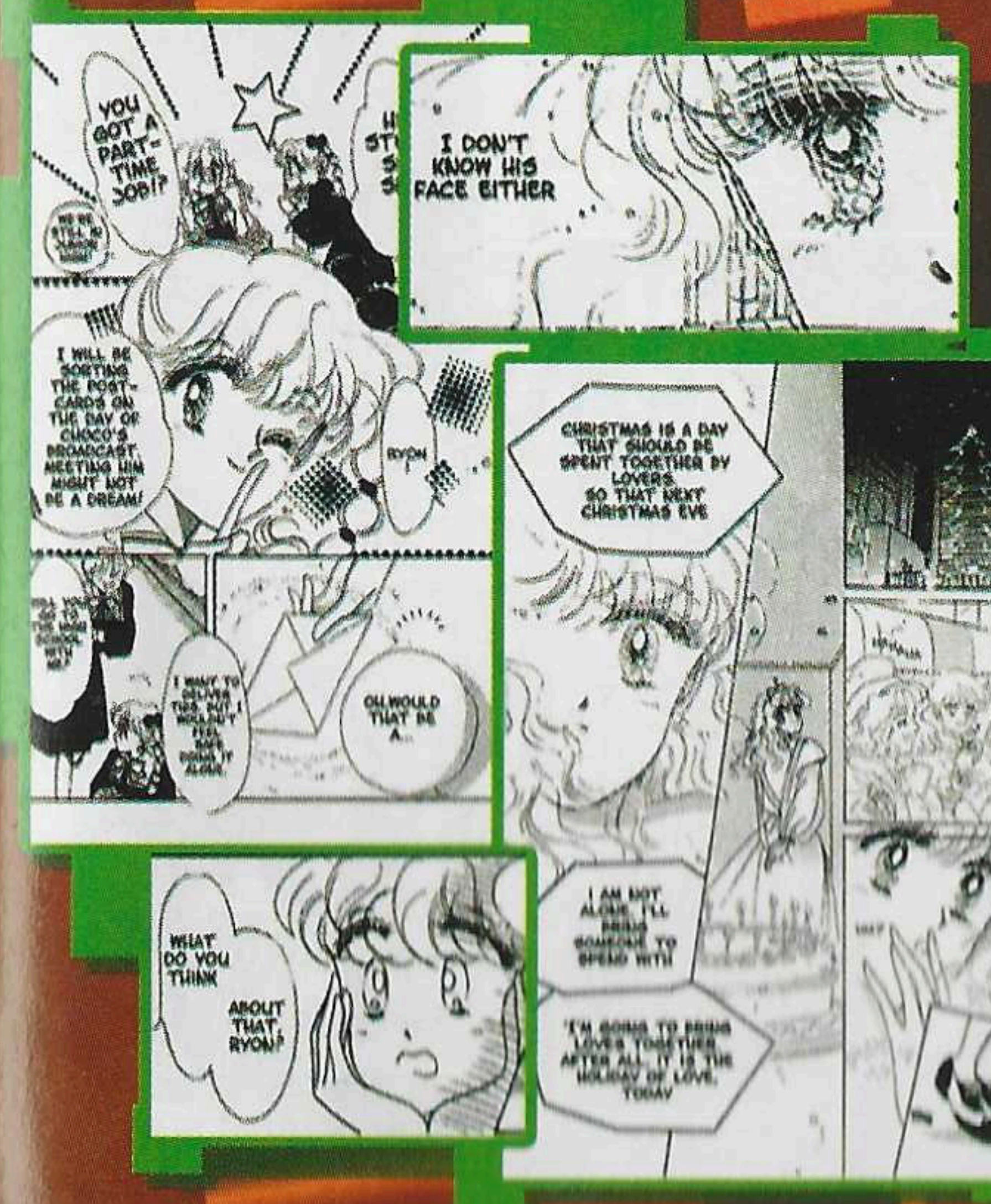
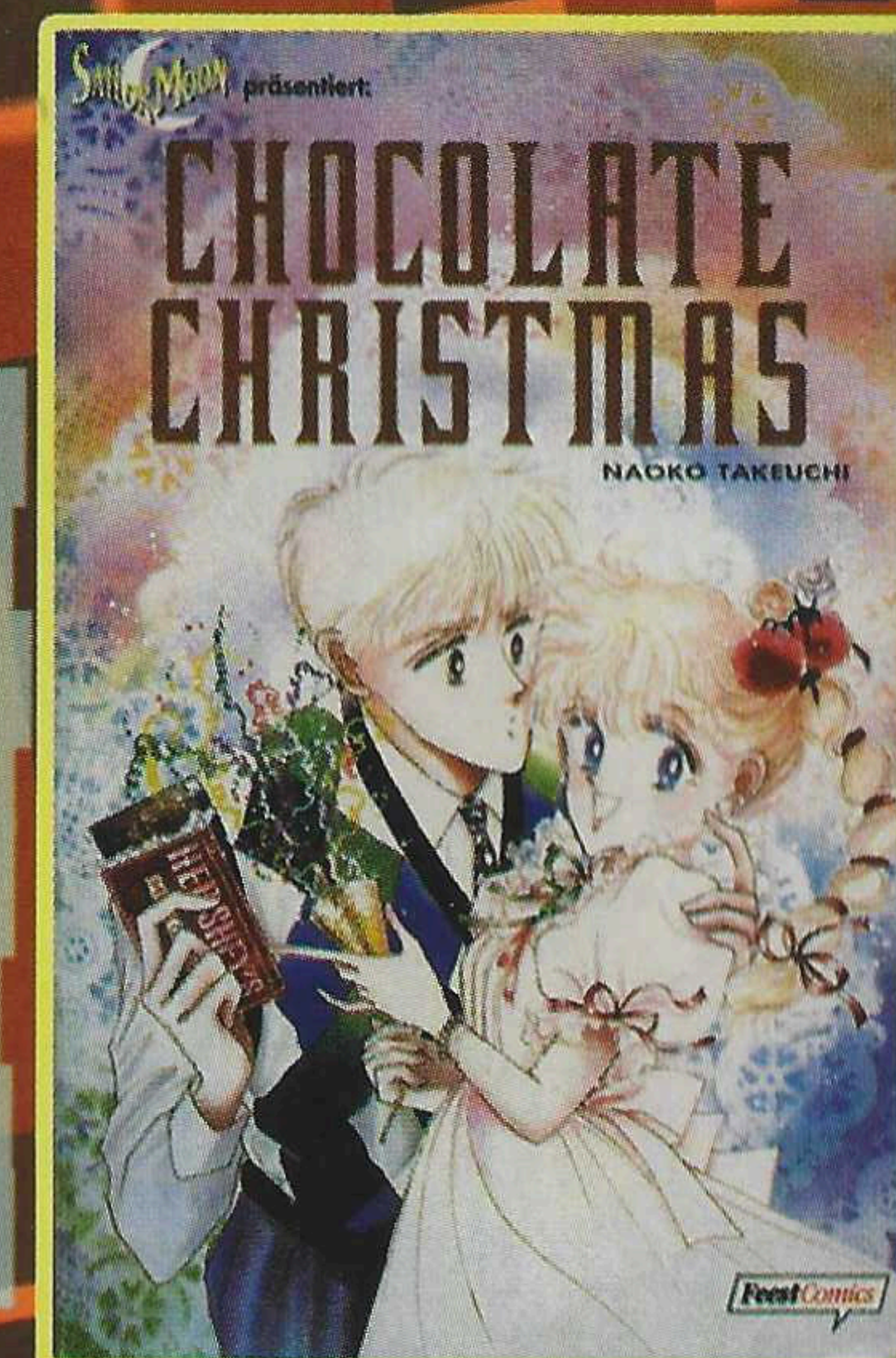
Christmas is a perfectly blissful time, but an awfully sad one if you're all alone, especially when you see other people enjoying with their loved ones.

Honda Ryoko is always alone on Christmas Eve because both her parents are away every year. Her father is away on a business trip every December while her mother has fashion shows to attend to, so she couldn't help but feel bored and lonely.

On a particular Christmas evening, while she was listening to the radio, she heard the DJ under the name "Choco" talking about how he hates Christmas because everyone is partying on a wonderful Christmas eve,

**MANGA**

written by: James

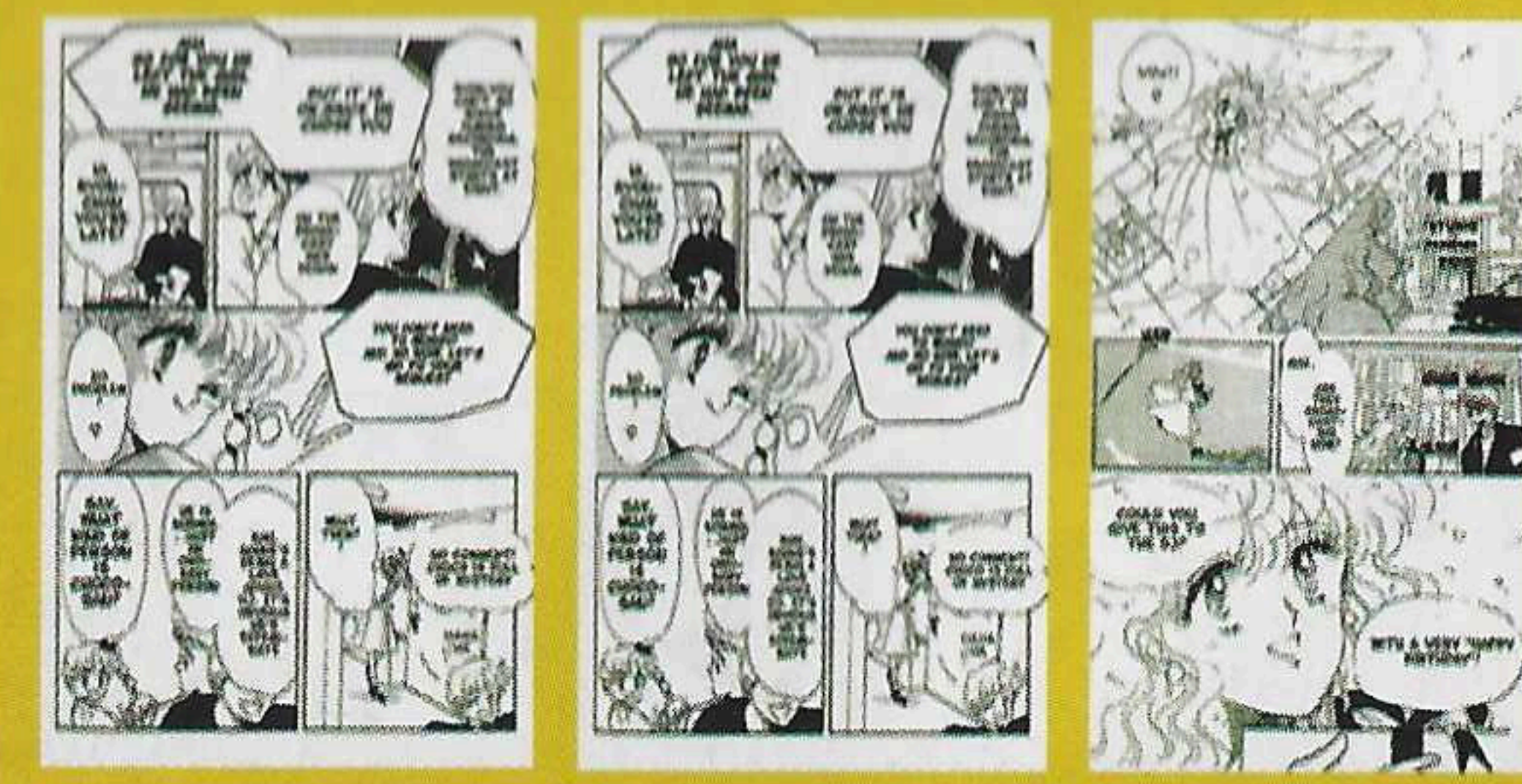


which also happens to be his birthday while he's alone working. She couldn't help but empathize with Choco's sadness, so she drops by and gives him a cake since the radio station is just a stone's throw away from her school. Inspired so much by what Choco said about Christmas being a time for love, not only did she work part-time as an assistant for the radio station, she also helps other people send love letters. However, her senpai and fellow part timer at the radio station Keiki isn't really fond of what she does for lovers, telling her that she's just meddling in the affairs of others.

Little does she know that Keiki is actually Choco, and Keiki just couldn't let anyone know, especially not someone from school because it might cause him trouble. But Ryoko, being Choco's number one fan, just couldn't help herself but insist on knowing who. Will she find out who Choco is? What would she feel if and when she does? What would happen once the big secret is out? Tune in to find out.

As expected of Naoko Takeuchi, (Sailormoon), this manga not only features beautiful and distinctive shoujo art style, but also a sweet and inspiring story of love set during the brightest and most cheerful of holidays. Completed in just four chapters, it's a short read that perfectly sets up that Christmas atmosphere on every page.

So if you're feeling a little bit cold this season, give this manga a try and hopefully you'll feel a little warmer.







# MANGA

written by: Rhaine

## Watamote; Watashi ga Mote Nai no wa Dou Kangaetemo Omaera ga Warui

"I'm not like them...I am popular!"

That is what Tomoko Kuroki believes. A girl who have deep eyebags due to staying up late, playing games or surfing the net about the qualities of unpopular people. She proclaims that upon entering high school, being popular will be a piece of cake. After playing countless otome games and having at least 6 conversations with a guy back in middle school. In reality, Tomoko doesn't stand out in class, she's extremely shy, and always have a hard time talking to anyone outside the family. She is a typical introvert who tries her best to become 'Ms. Popular'.

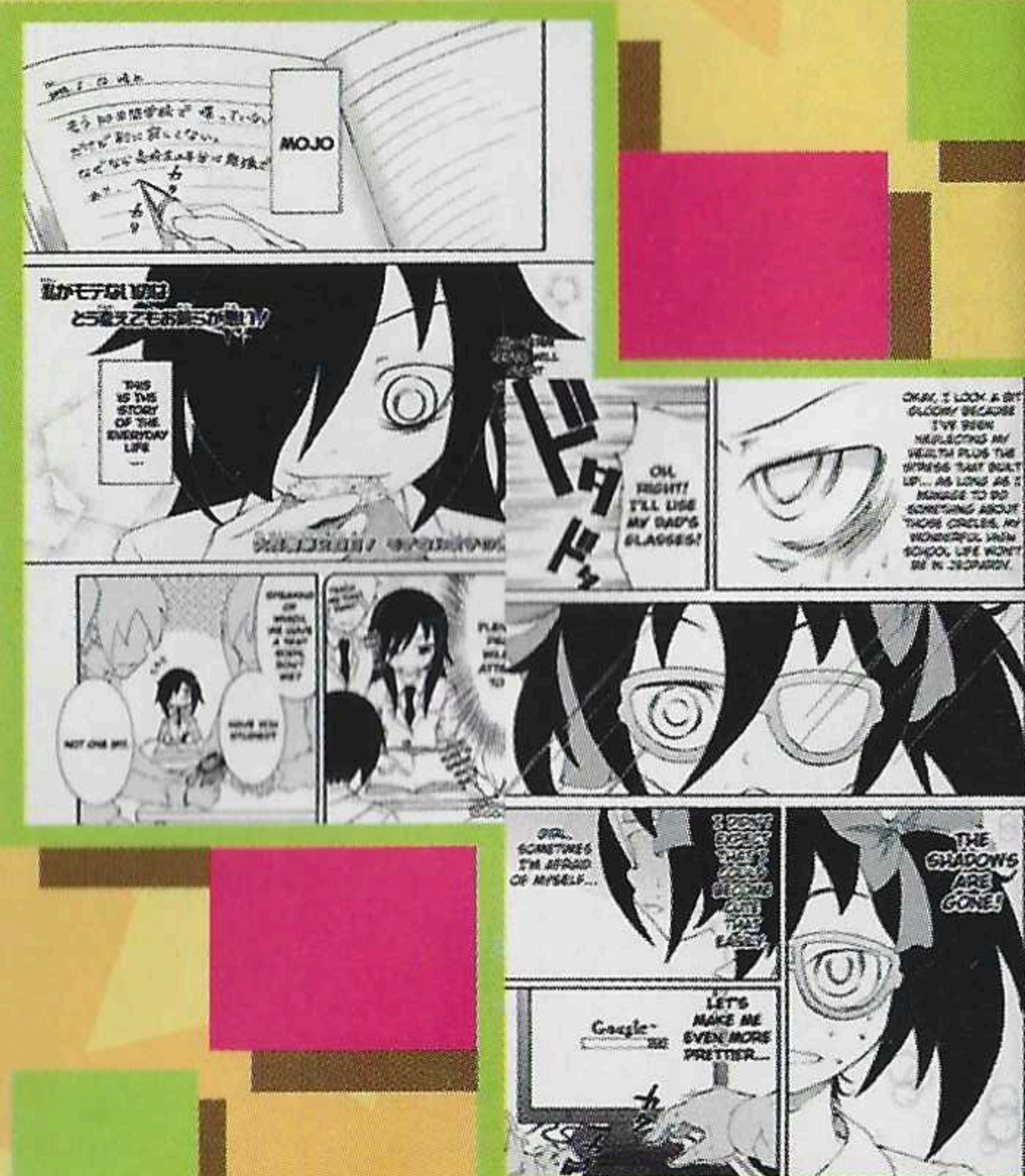
Watashi ga Motenai no wa do Kangaetemo Omaera ga Warui or WataMote for short, is a manga series written and illustrated by Nico Tanigawa, serialized under Square Enix's Gangan Comics Online service last August 2011. A 4-panel spin-off manga was also released under Gangan Joker last January 2013.



The story follows Tomoko's misadventures, or rather 'her road to popularity' which often ends up bringing her almost-popular status back from square one.

All of her highschool life ideals were devastated, realizing that two months had already passed and she haven't even made any friends, let alone get a boyfriend. Thinking that she needs to change some of her image, she looks into the mirror and ended literally throwing up. This made her realize that she needs to improve herself physically and socially alike.

In order to practice her communication skills, she usually goes up and talks to her brother Tomoki about her ideas. She also tries to raise her self-esteem by going to a bookshop or trying to eat at a fastfood store. In the end, she discovered that she was actually labeled as 'ugly' and begins to plot some new plans on how to get the popularity she dreams of.



What's to like with this manga? Well, every page will somehow make you wish that something good shall befall on our little Tomoko. Some might actually find themselves in Tomoko's shoes, like those who have problems dealing with reality. A heartwarming family talk, hilariously awkward situations and living the introvert type of otaku, are some familiar issues that we are probably dealing with too.

Give it a try, because you might actually see yourselves as a 'Tomoko'. Check it out for Watamote has more to offer!



**Tokyo Bubble Tea** is a great Japanese place to have your lunch, light snack meals, dinner or even when you come with your sesame street pajamas to have your midnight snacks. It is a great place to hangout with your friends and family where our ambiance encourages fun and laughter from menu, service and comfy place all year round!

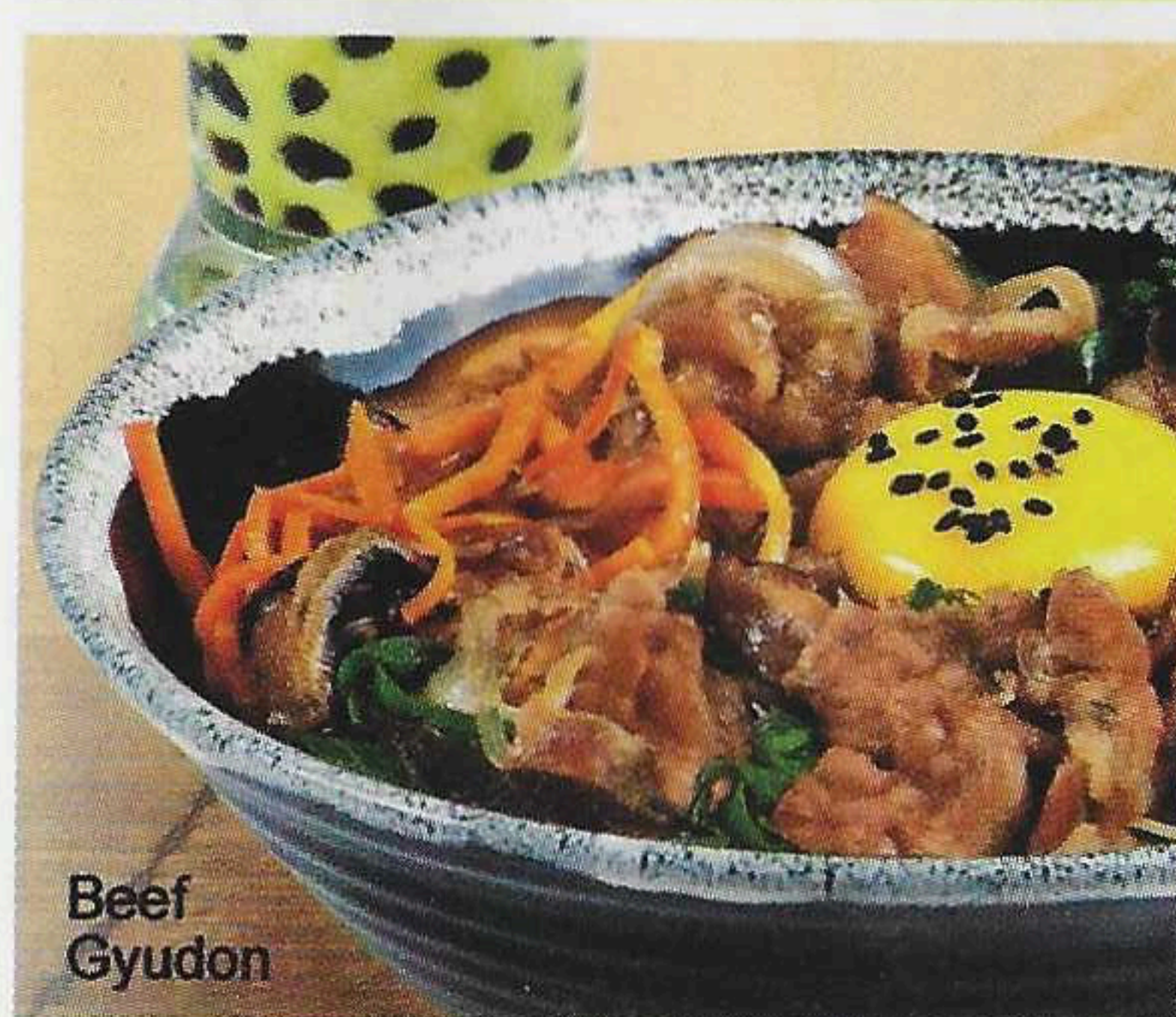


### Our Story

Tokyo Bubble Tea restaurant is a Philippine homegrown concept founded and managed by McWilson Group of Restaurants. It all started year 2007 when McWilson Group of Restaurants owners wished to introduce bubble milk tea drinks in Manila, along with Japanese style ambiance and food. The name bubble tea is derived from the drink popularized around Asia and we used it as our brand name to represent us that we specialize in brewing premium milk tea served with the best bubbles.



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### Our Product

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Due to overwhelming response of our customers, Bubble Tea is planning to expand its business and open more outlets in and outside Metro Manila.

Currently, Bubble Tea has branches in SM Megamall & SM North EDSA-The Block, which started 2007, and in Tomas Morato, Q.C. & Wilson, Greenhills, which started 2010, at The Fort, which started 2011 and now open at Westgate in Alabang, Harborpoint in Subic, Robinsons Place in Bacolod and Marquee Mall in Pampanga.





## BENTO BOX

# Decorate Your Cake Japanese Strawberry Shortcake (Traditional Christmas Cake)

Christmas in Japan calls for a cake; but not just any other cake! It has to be a Strawberry Shortcake~

It has become traditional to the Japanese to buy a cake on Christmas to share with a loved one, to give as a gift or simply to celebrate the holidays. We in Otaku Asia, think that Otafans should also be able to eat a strawberry cake on Christmas.

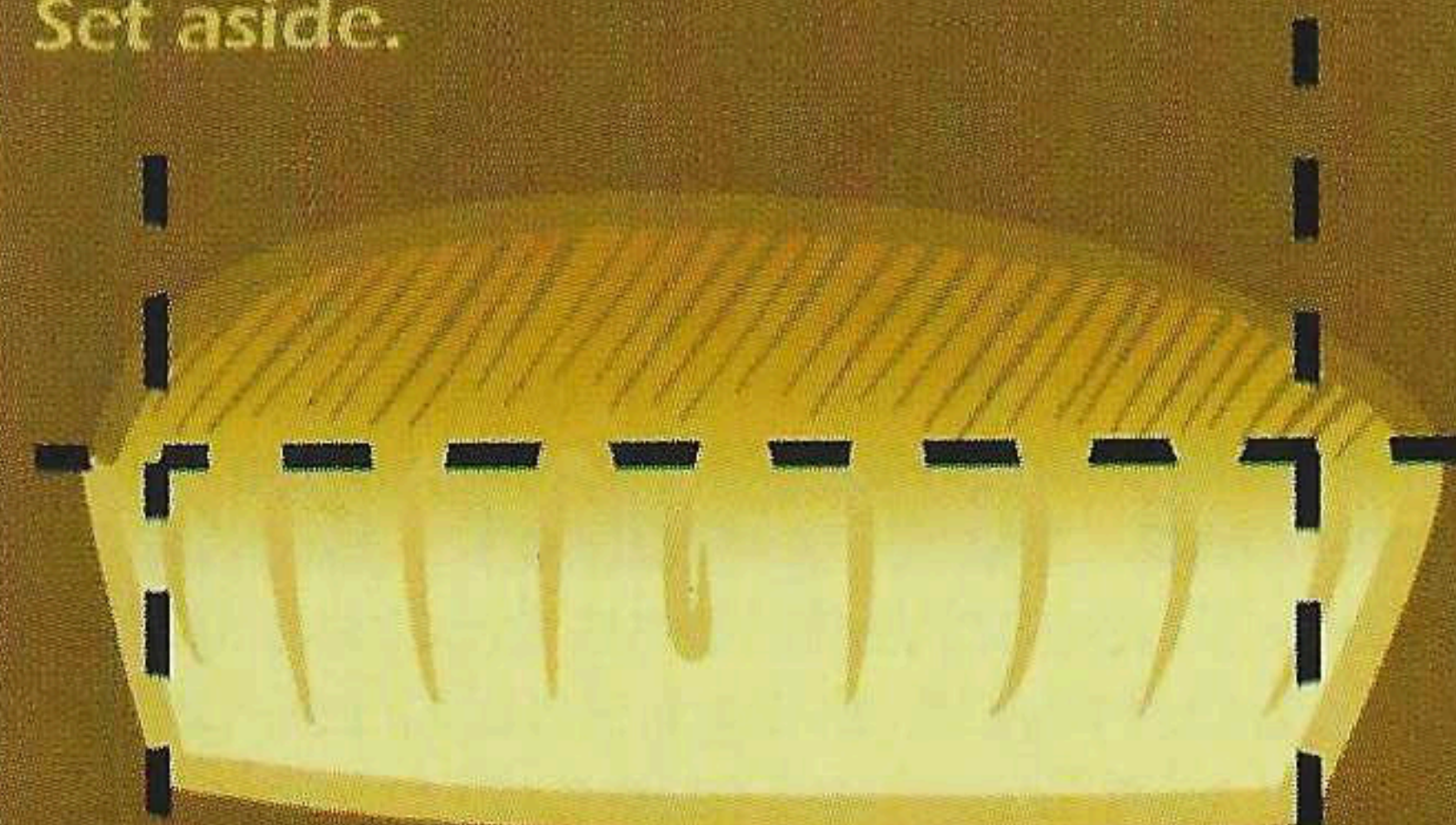
We put this recipe together to for everyone to enjoy the cake as simply as possible. Enjoy and have a Merry Christmas!

## Ingredients and preparation

For the chiffon, we innovate using two Goldilocks regular mamon

Slice to flatten the top and trim the sides to make the mamon into a simple circle

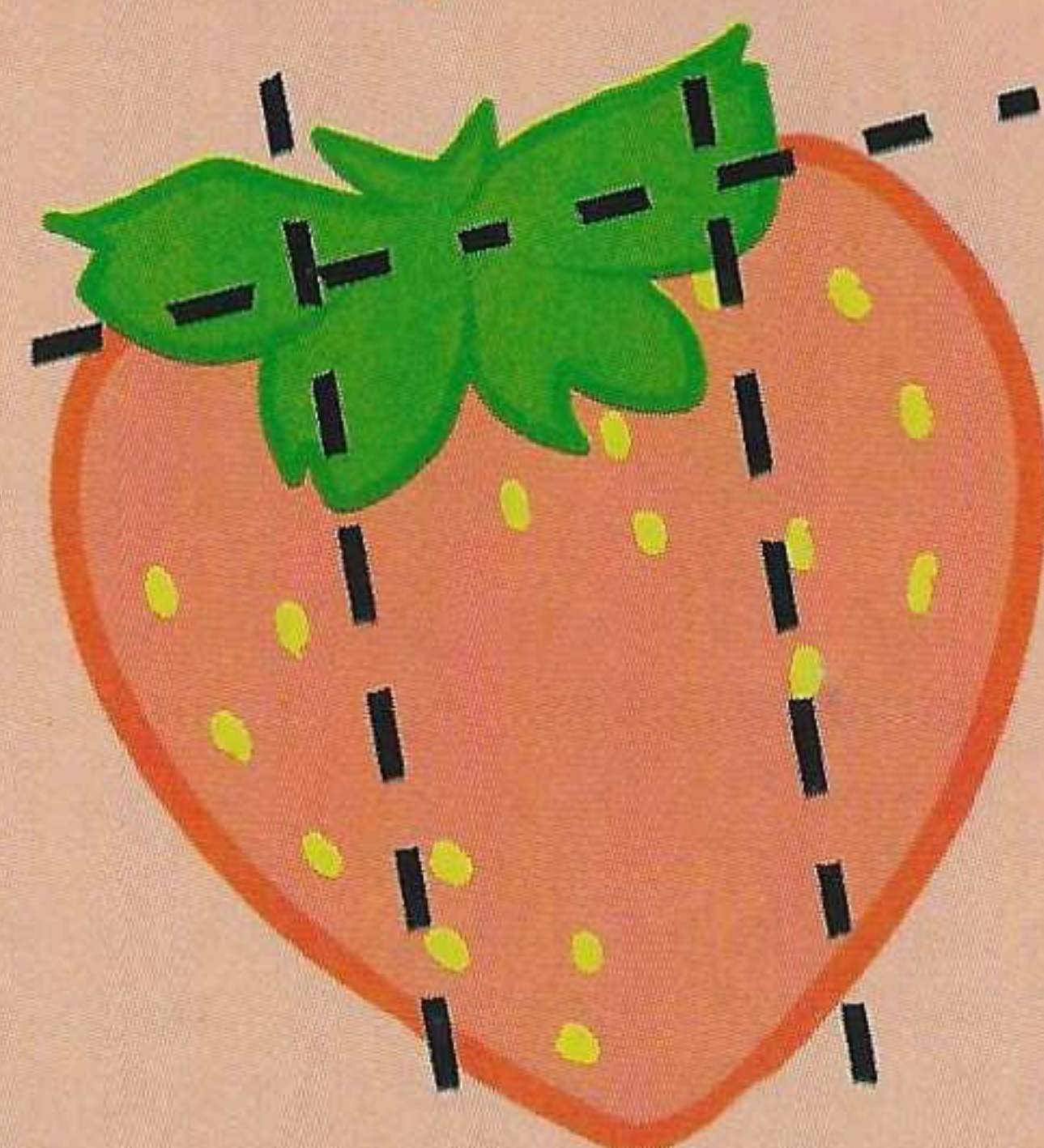
Set aside.



Wash 5-6 stawberries, take the crown off

Slice the stawberry into three

Mix with 3 spoons of sugar and let it sit for an hour (while you make the frosting) to drain all it's juices. Freeze.



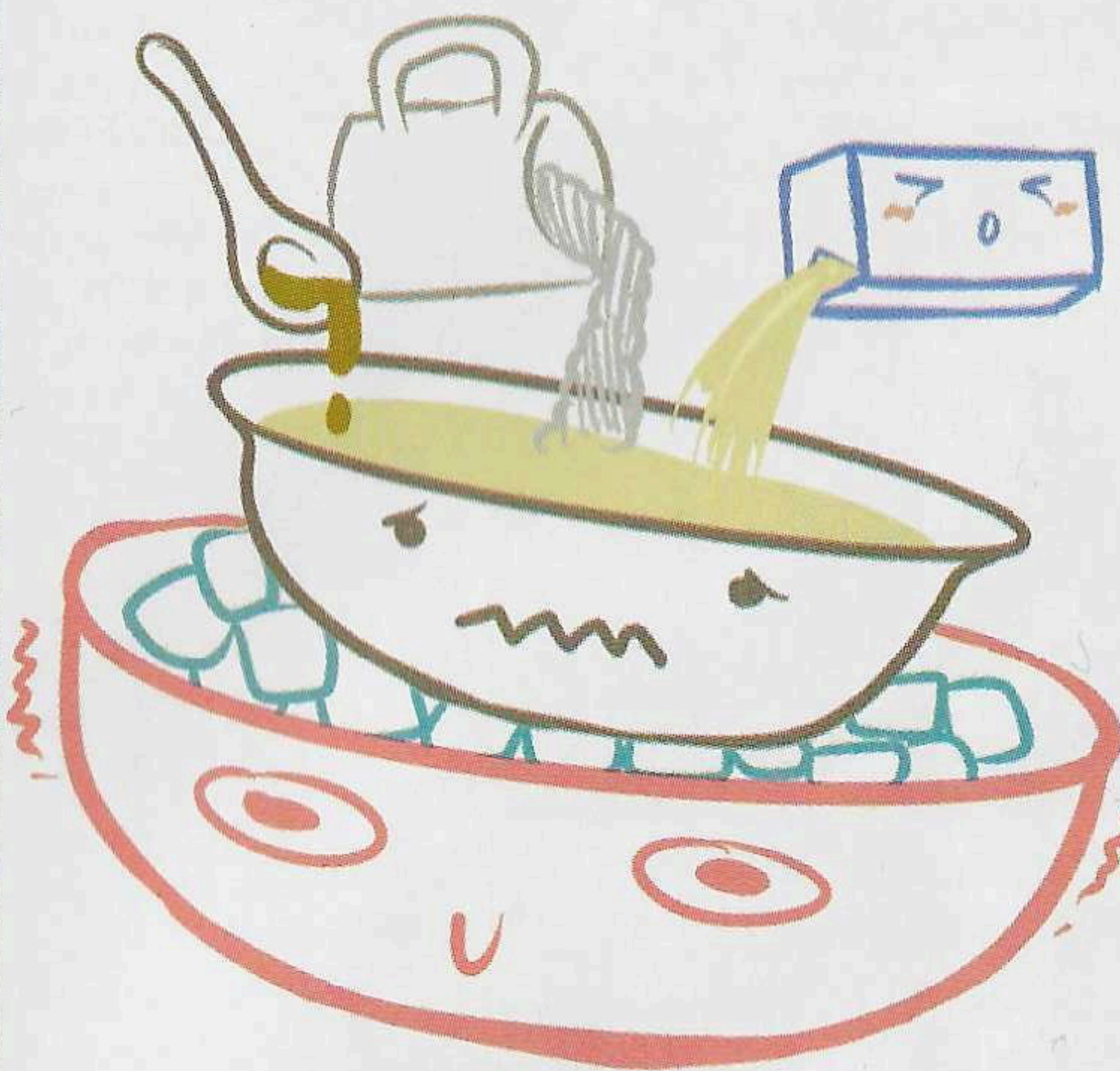
For the frosting, mix 1 cup cold whipping cream, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract and 1/4 confectioners sugar in a stainless bowl

Place the bowl on top of a bowl full of ice

Whip until thick.

\*whipping cream is available in the supermarket

\*\*confectioners sugar is available in baking stores

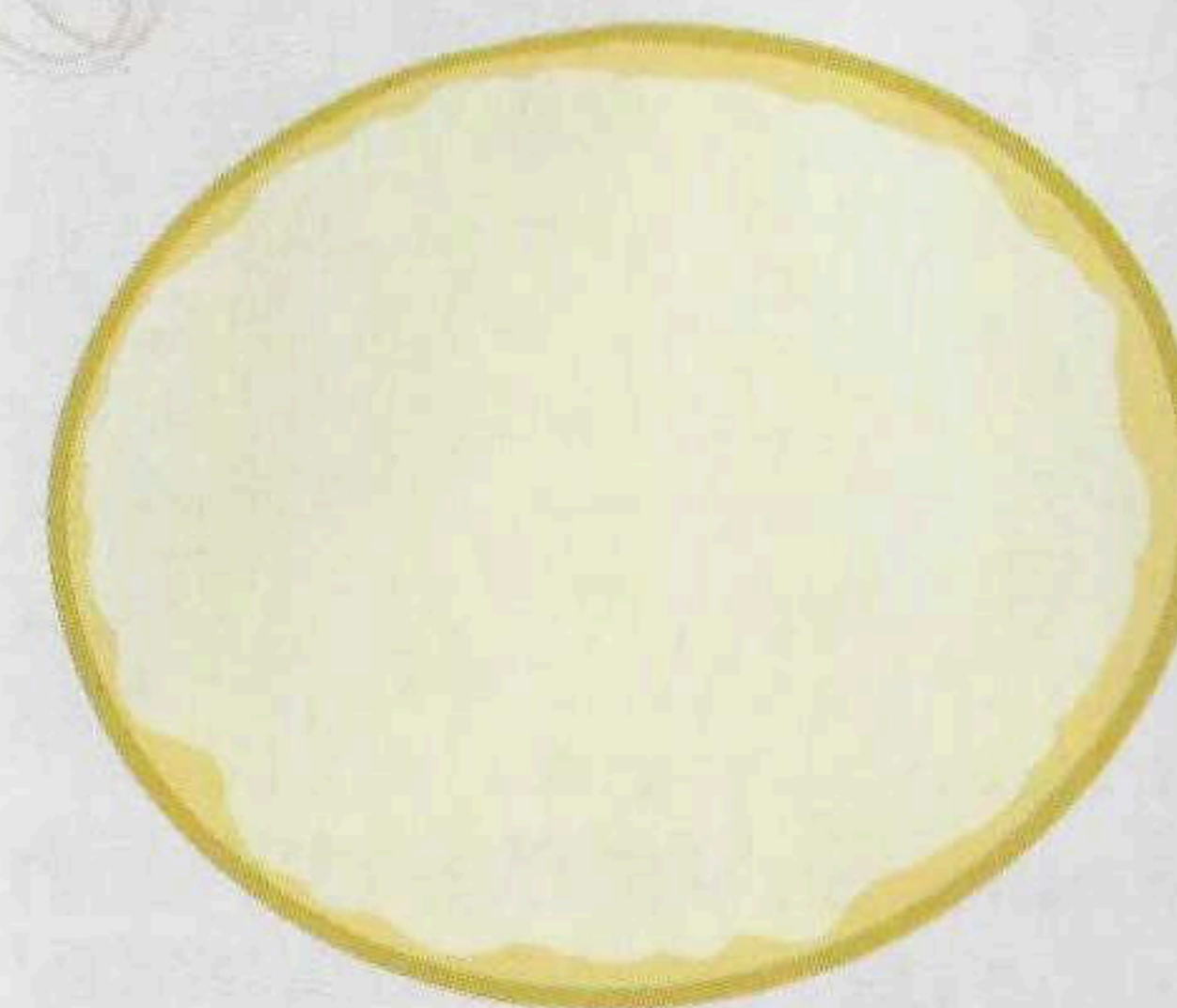


Optional:  
Place 2 spoons of sugar and 4 spoons of water under low heat. Let it only boil once

Leave it to cool

Glaze this all around the mamon before arranging the cake

## Arranging the cake!



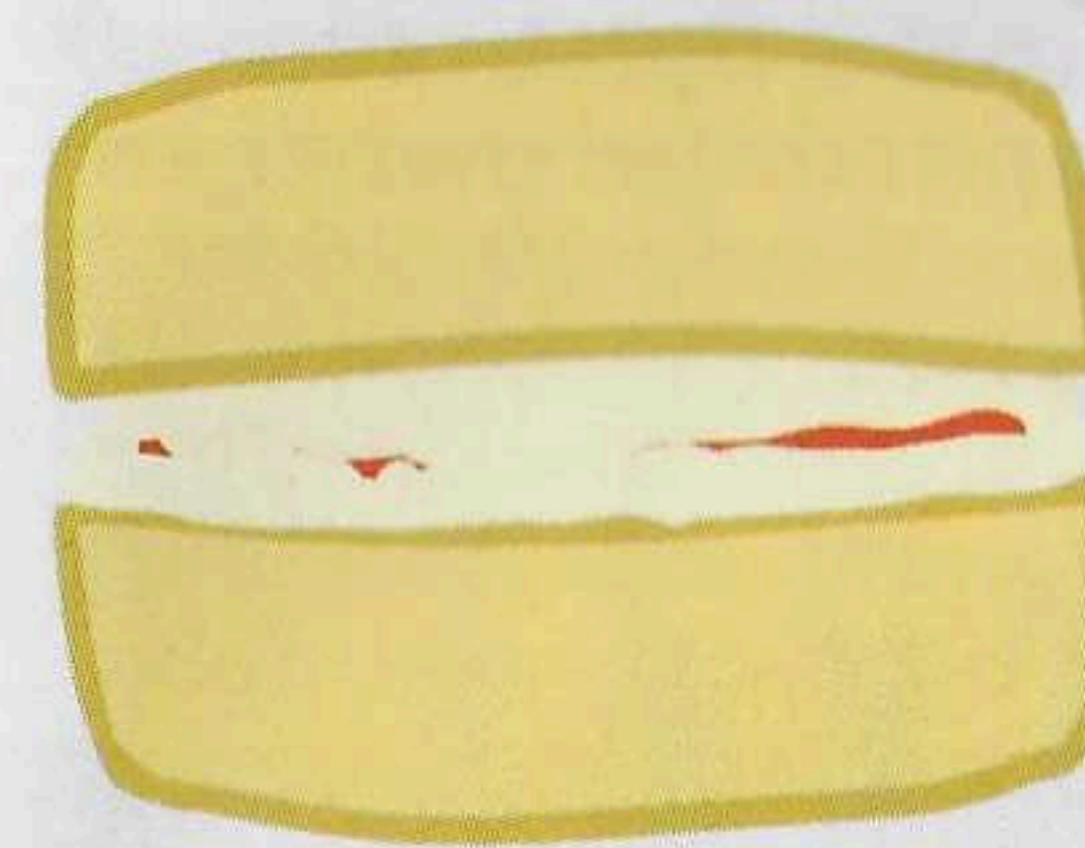
Spread a thin layer of frosting on top of the mamon



Arrange the sliced frozen strawberries just enough to cover the surface



Place more frosting and be generous. Make sure to frost in between the strawberries



Place the second mamon on top



Frost the whole cake gererously



Decorate it your way!

Eat the cake immediately. Do not let it sit for long.

Another idea is to only use 1 mamon, slice it in half and use it for the top and bottom chiffon.

Some Goldilocks stores offers Decorate Your Cake (DYC) kit for only 60 pesos. It includes one Godilocks Fluffy Mamon, two icings (one plain white, one colored) and a sugar cookie decoration.

## More cake tips!

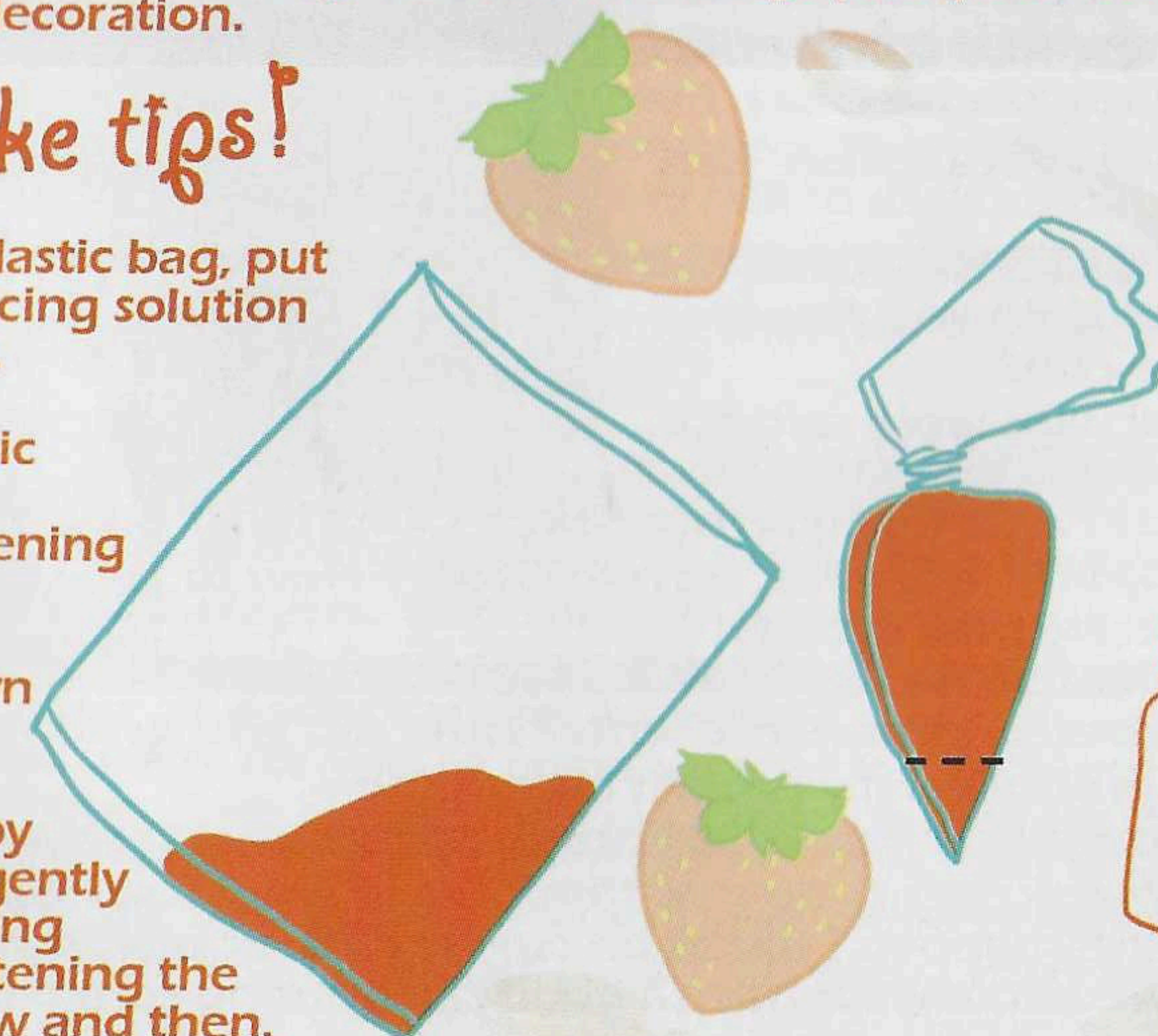
Take a clean plastic bag, put your frosting/icing solution on one corner.

Twist the plastic

Cut a small opening on the corner

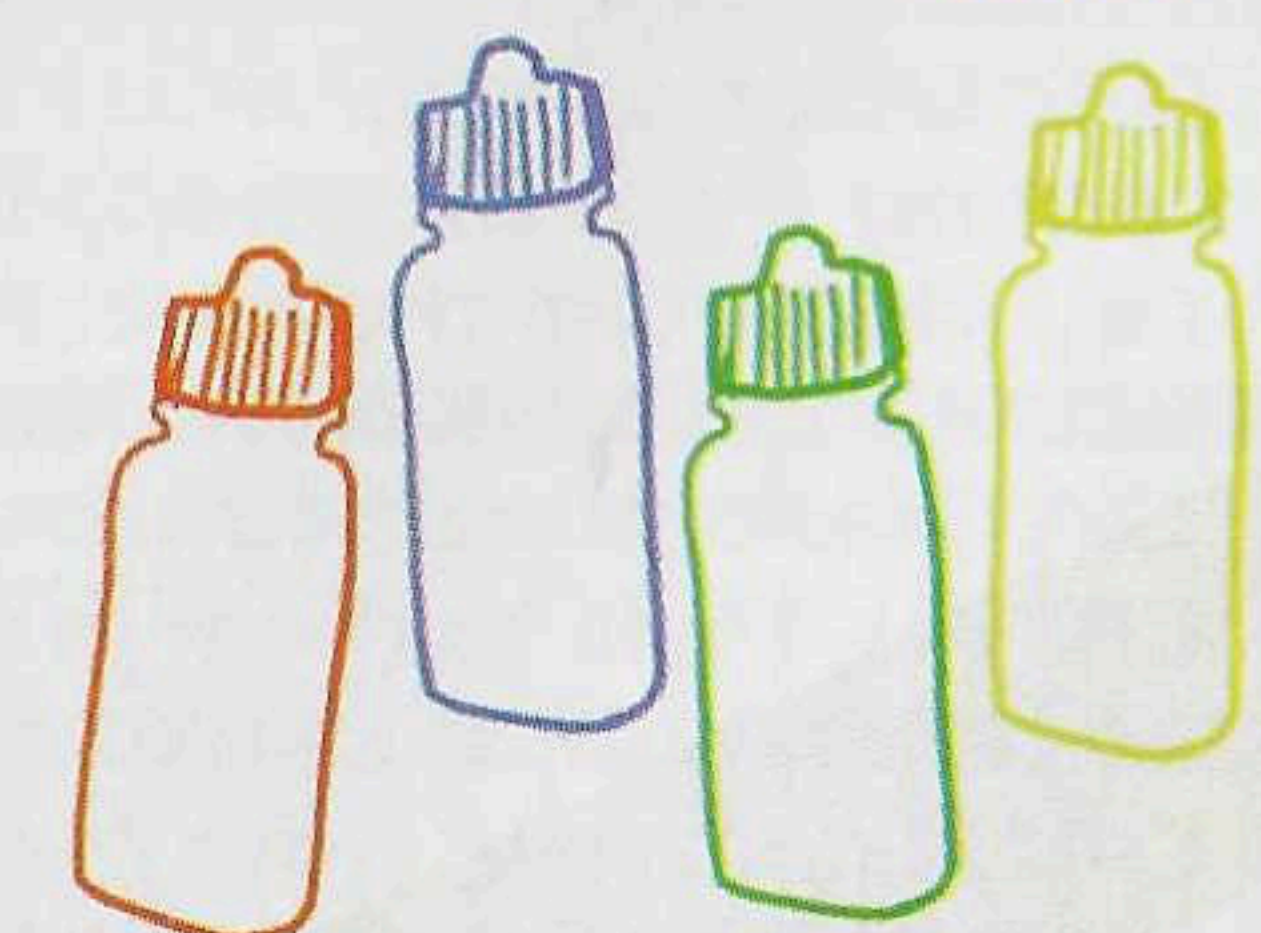
Voila! Your own piping bag.

Hold the bag by the twist and gently squeeze the icing out. Keep tightening the twist every now and then.



Use the same ingredients for the frosting, add food coloring to get colored icing!

Or artificial flavor for flavor~







FASHION

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# COSMIC BYTES COSPLAY SHOP

Owner/Founder: **Millard Tech**  
Shop base/  
location: **Taguig / Cainta**

**Kei Chiro Go**, manager  
Favorite anime: **One Piece, Kuroko  
No Basuke**

OA: When did Cosmic Bytes started?

CB: What inspired the owner to start this kind of business? July 10, 2010 / the owner and I are into anime way back AXN and Questor, ^^ we are cosplayers also. At first we only want to sell cosplay items as a "sideline" we never thought that our business will boom.

OA: Being an online shop, did you find it easy or hard to get clients back then?

CB: Yes, here in the Philippines where online selling is not that "in", some people think of it as a scam and pioneer online cosplay shops before cater to "pre-order" items only.

OA: What are the products and services CB has to offer for the anime fans?

CB: We offer wigs, costumes, anime items, we also offer wig fixing services and costume repairs.

OA: What/When was the first convention CB joined as an exhibitor/partner?

CB: Our first event was VocaFusion Last May, 2012

OA: How was the first time you handled selling products at the con?

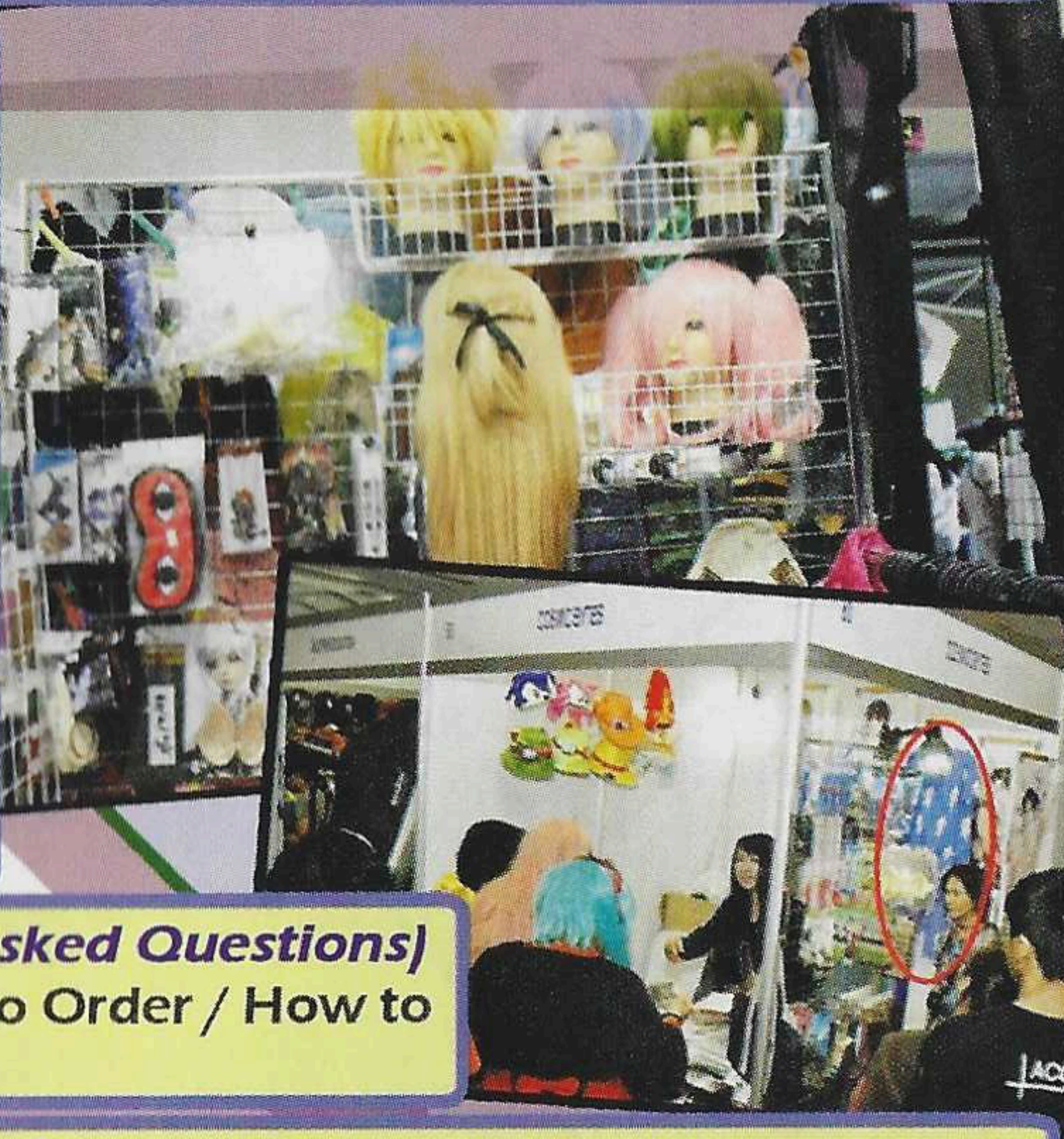
CB: Sales were good; all wigs were sold out.

OA: What are the most FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) coming from the shoppers? CB: FAQ, How to Order / How to Pay / How will they receive their order(s)

OA: Have you encountered 'problem' clients? How did you dealt with them?

CB: Yes, I talk to them professionally explain everything

OA: As of now, how many clients do you think CB already had? CB: Are most of them from cons or online shoppers? Based on our records we almost have 3000+ clients served online, we also always have a good sales during convention.



OA: What are the problems you often encounter having an online business?  
CB: Courier Services

OA: Knowing that cosplay shops here in Ph. order items from other countries, how do you handle clients who are asking for specific items? (Do you give in to their requests or save their requests on your next-to-be-offered list?)

CB: Yes, we are open for request, if a client or two request this certain item expect that by next month it will be already available on hand.

OA: When did OA: Having a huge name in the cosplay industry, people often wait for your promos. When do you usually offer promos and discounts? Cosmic Bytes started?

CB: We always have a promo monthly in terms of wigs and other items ^^ expect them 2 weeks before huge conventions and holidays ^^

OA: What was the most memorable convention CB has attended? Why?

CB: Misaki Con 2012, because it was a convention wherein Cosmic Bytes staff organized and it is just not a con it is also our way of saying thank you to our customers.



OA: Who were the famous people that became your clients?

CB: For famous cosplayers we have Jin Joson, Liui Aquino, Kristell Lim, Ashley Misaki and a lot more <3, as for local celebrity customers Marybeth Nabe, Eugene Domingo, Ai Ai de las Alas, for some celebrities I only talk to their manager and make a deal.

OA: Are there things CB will be offering that we can look forward to for the upcoming year?

CB: For this coming year we plan to have Ready To Wear Costumes ^^

OA: A message to our growing otaku and cosplay community

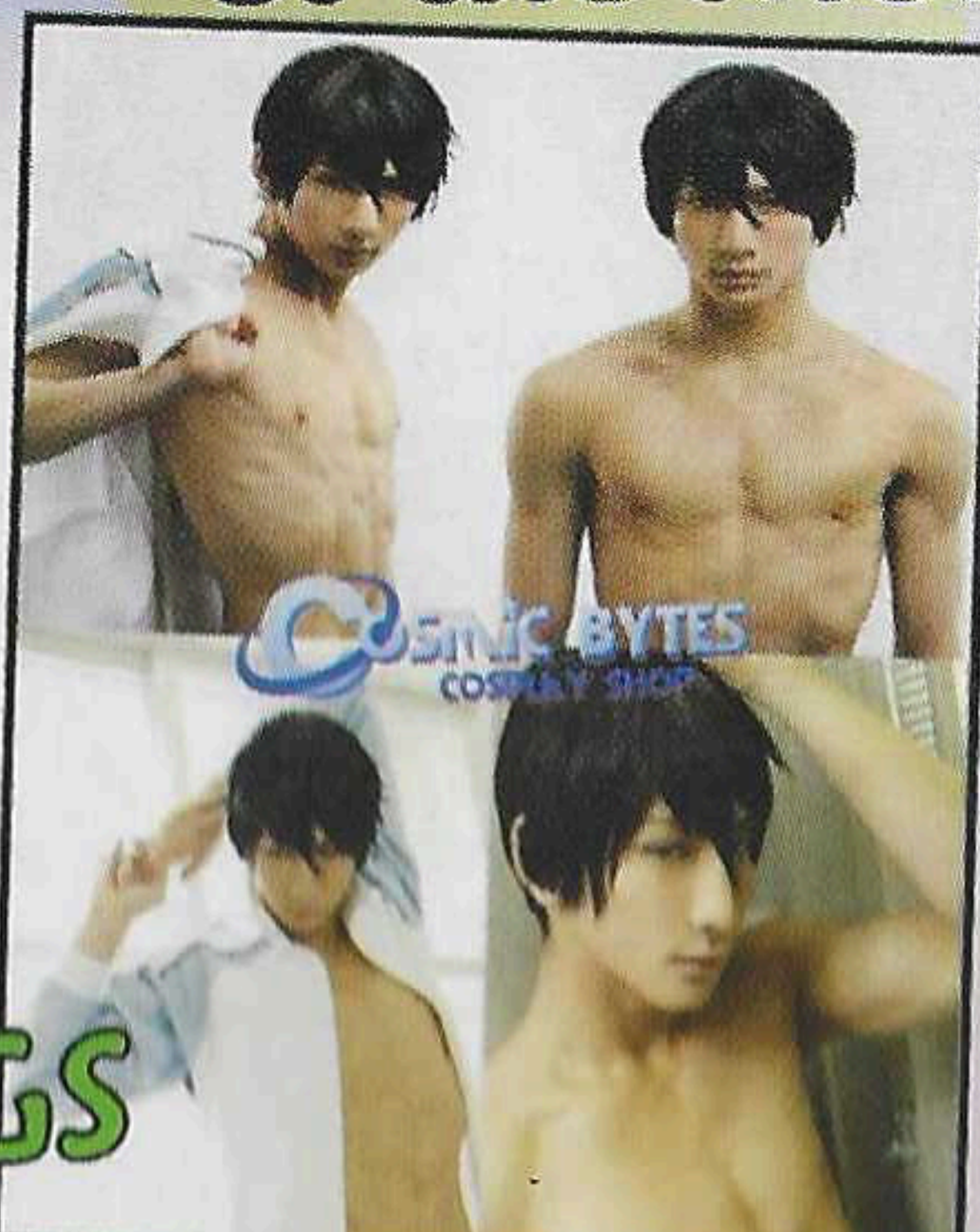
CB: To all aspiring cosplayers, remember that cosplaying is both a hobby and a passion. Everyone starts out from somewhere and we all improve as time goes on. Like the saying goes, "it doesn't matter how slow you go, just as long as you don't stop." It would be unfair for you to compare yourself with someone who has been cosplaying for a long time already, so don't give up and just have fun! As for the cosplay community, remember that the cosplay community is just that, a community of cosplayers. We are all cosplayers who have different strengths and talents in cosplay, and we should always support and help each other, both for beginners and veterans.





## COSMIC WIGS

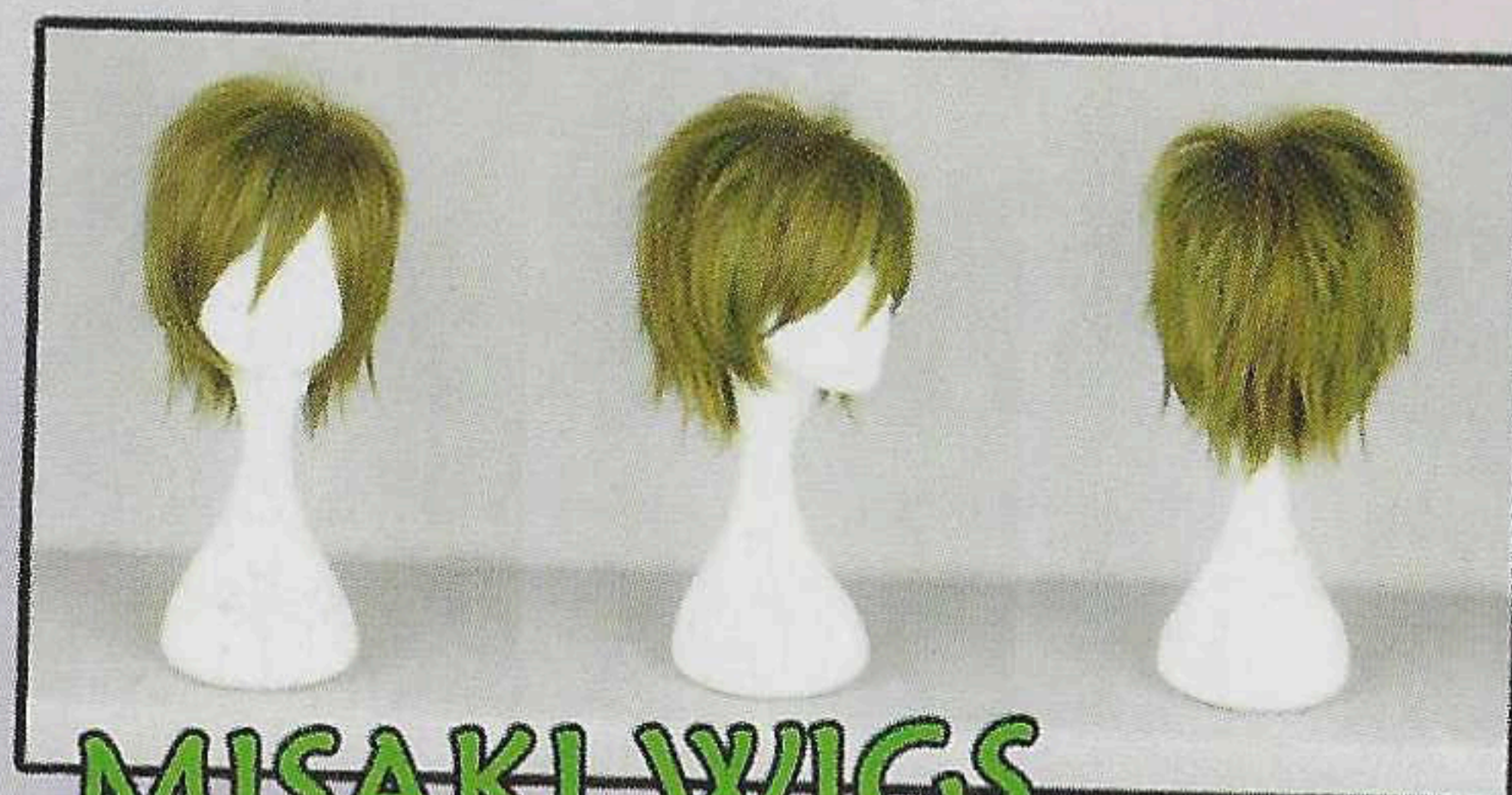
Levi wig - 850  
(look! Reika is their model!><)



Haruka wig - 790



Junko Wig - 1290



## MISAKI WIGS

Makoto wig - 790



Official Dakimakura from Japan

Price: 2200

Size: 150cm x 50cm

## Wig Care tips:

Always wash your wig after use:

**Step 1:** Comb your wig using wide toothed metal comb. Start from the bottom working your way up.

**Step 2:** Soak your wig in a warm water for 5-10 mins.

**Step 3:** Mix fabric conditioner and water with a ratio of 1:2 Liters

**Step 4:** Soak the wig in the solution for 6-12 hours or overnight

**Step 5:** Towel-dry your wig. DON'T hang dry or blow dry

**Step 6:** Put your wig on a wig stand or mannequin head

**Step 7:** For Short Wigs just comb and style it as it is / For Long Wigs comb your wig from tips to scalp to remove frizz and tangles. You can use a wig detangler.

**Step 8:** Put it in a wig net and put it in a box or re-sealable plastic.

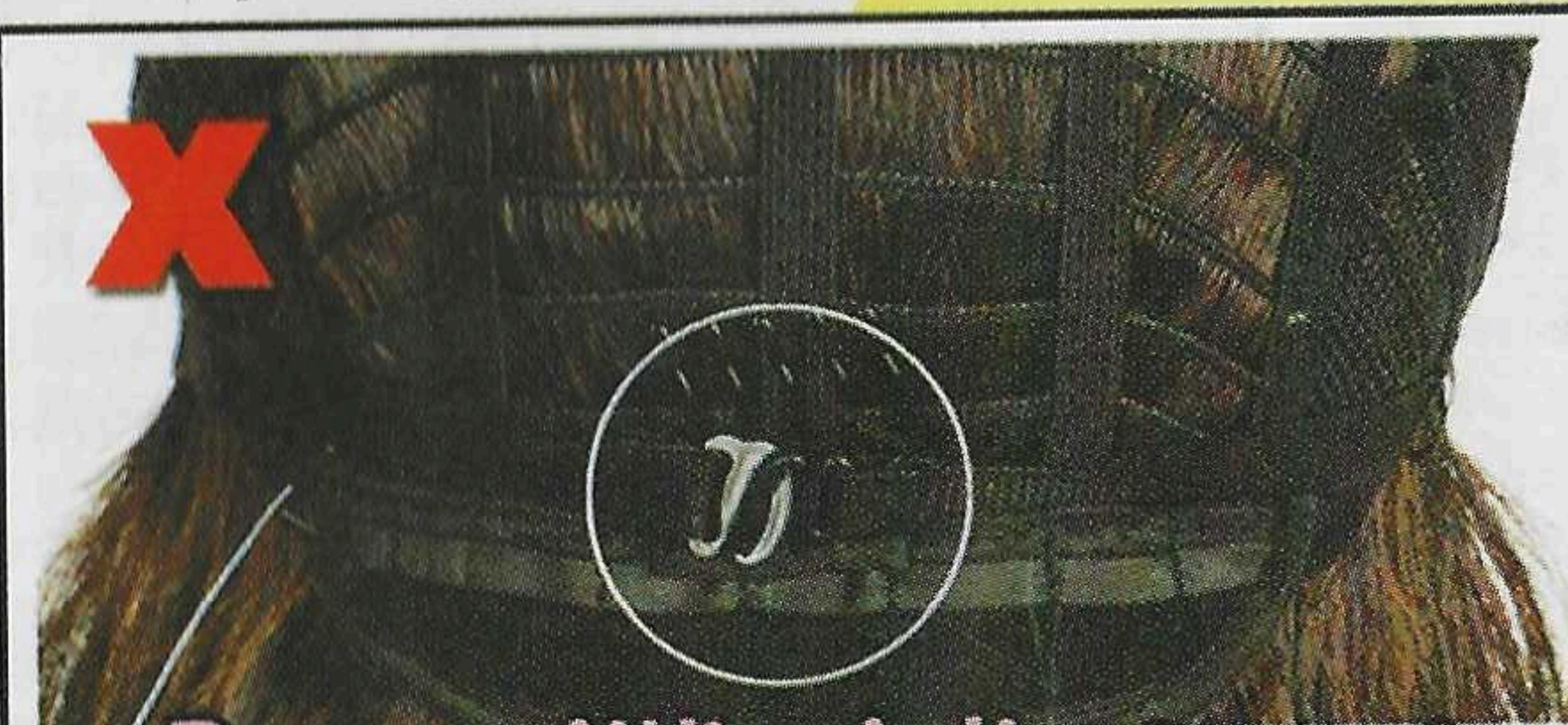
✓ **Do's**

Always wash your wig after use

As much as possible avoid using other person's wig

✗ **Don't's**

Don't style, cut, dye wigs if you don't know how to do it as you might damage the wig



## Proper Wig Adjustment



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# COVER FEATURE

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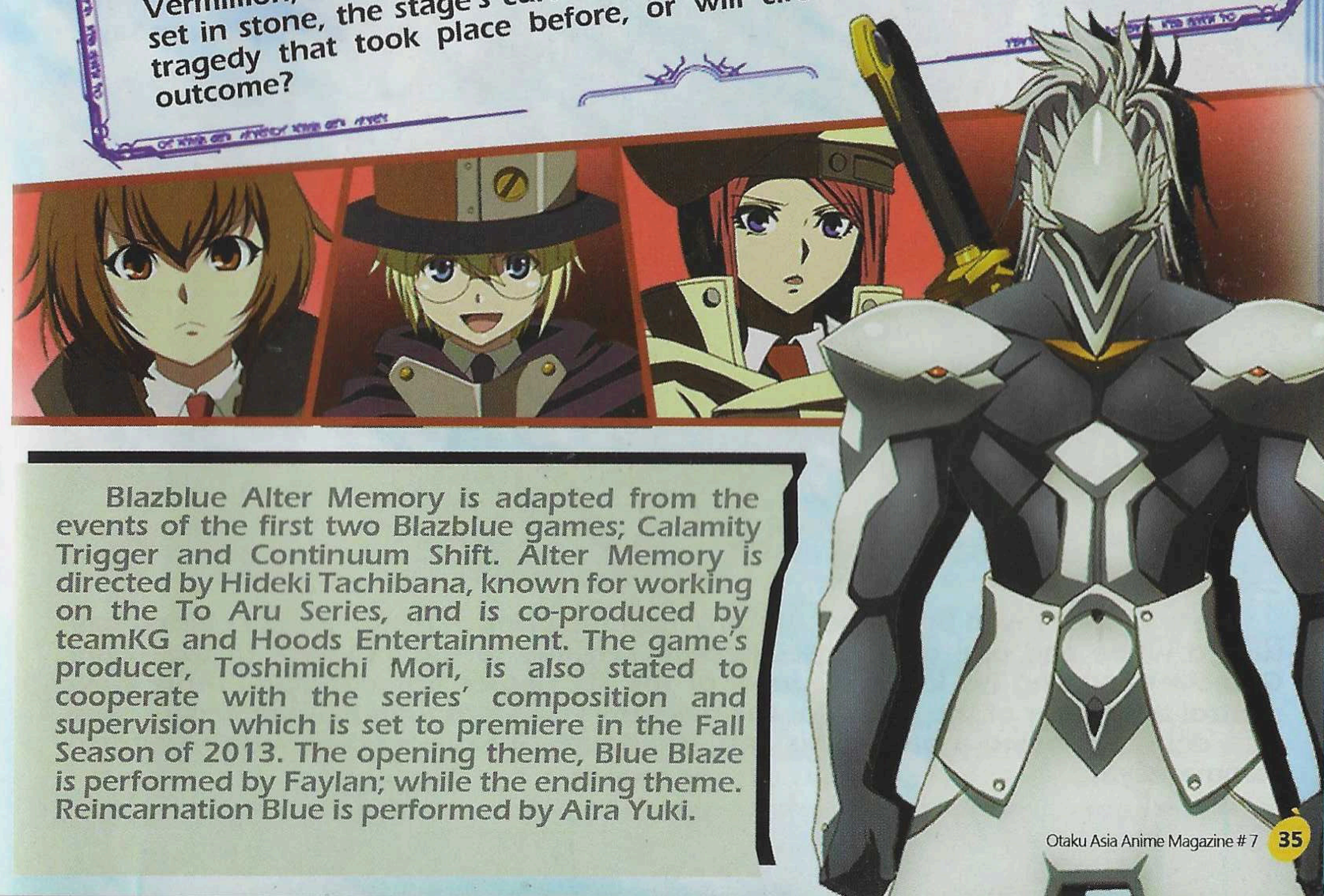
There is no such thing as a coincidence in this world, there is only the inevitable. All existence are said to dance in the palms of fate and all that happens was destined from the get go. If anything and everything has been set in stone and if the ending is discernable even before the story starts, how can one individual accomplish a miraculous feat of rebelling against such circumstances? Should he struggle with all his might even though it is futile, or does he have what it takes to mess things up and throw everything into disarray?



On one eventful day, tragedy struck the fate of three siblings that was brought forth by a sinister existence named Tuki Terumi. Ragna, the eldest of the siblings's arm was suddenly dismembered by his own brother, Jin, for unknown reasons. Ragna also witnessed their so-called home as it burned to the ground while writhing in pain. The last thing he noticed was his sister Saya, as she was being taken away and Jin's menacing smile until he was rendered unconscious. Years later, in December of 2199, after the world has been devastated by a string of seemingly endless magical wars, the wheel of fate resumes its motion once more as the curtain rises from the encore of another seemingly tragic story set in the 13th Hierarchical City of Kagutsuchi.

## Ragna the Bloodedge

Known an SS-class rebel equipped with the Azure Grimoire and is infamous for having the highest bounty on his head was reported to have been sighted in Kagutsuchi. In response to this, Jin Kisaragi who is now a high ranking commander and a celebrated war hero obsessively gave chase to the infamous Ragna. Incidentally, Jin is also being chased by his secretary, Noel Vermillion, who greatly resembles Saya. With these three individual's reunion set in stone, the stage's curtain shall rise again. Will it be an encore of the tragedy that took place before, or will circumstances lead to a greater outcome?



Blazblue Alter Memory is adapted from the events of the first two Blazblue games; Calamity Trigger and Continuum Shift. Alter Memory is directed by Hideki Tachibana, known for working on the To Aru Series, and is co-produced by teamKG and Hoods Entertainment. The game's producer, Toshimichi Mori, is also stated to cooperate with the series' composition and supervision which is set to premiere in the Fall Season of 2013. The opening theme, Blue Blaze is performed by Faylan; while the ending theme, Reincarnation Blue is performed by Aira Yuki.



# Ragna the Bloodedge

CV: Tomokazu Sugita

A world-known criminal with an extremely large bounty on his head for destroying several Novus Orbis Librarium bases.



During his childhood, he spent his life in an orphanage with his siblings Jin and Saya. However, everything changed when Yuuki Terumi entered his life as he is responsible for the atrocities Ragna went through such as murdering their caretaker, cutting off his arm and kidnapping Saya.



On December 31, 2199, Ragna travels to the 13th Hierarchical City of Kagutsuchi to destroy the NOL base located there.

He was later saved by Rachel Alucard from the brink of death. Ragna's blond hair turned white and one of his irises became red due to the influence of the Azure Grimoire replacing his lost arm. Jubei of the Six Heroes trained Ragna on how to control the power of the Azure for the next few years although he repeatedly stated that despite it being a part of his arm, the Azure Grimoire's power was not his to command yet.



# Jin Kisaragi

CV: Tetsuya Kakihara

Jin was adopted into the high-esteemed Kisaragi family. With his talents, he rose up in the ranks of the Novus Orbis Librarium, but his other siblings does not acknowledge this and thinks that he only got them because of his adoption. Even after being renowned as the Hero of Ikaruga, Jin feels completely empty. But when the rumors of the "Grim Reaper" reached Jin's ears, he felt a sudden urge to meet him. He decided to abandon his post and head to Kagutsuchi in order to find out more about the Reaper.

Jin wields the Archenemy named Mugro Algesco: Yukianesa—which allows him to control and create ice-property attacks. However, Yukianesa has a great influence to Jin's personality as it's the main reason for his extreme obsession towards Ragna.

When Jin was a child, Yuuki Terumi made him believe that the Black Beast will be born from his brother, Ragna and he is destined to destroy it. Jin decided that Ragna should pay for his ignorance as well as removing the obstacle between them named "Saya". After the incident, Jin vanished from Ragna's life.



# Noel Vermillion

CV: Kanato Kondo

Former lieutenant of the Novus Orbis Librarium who was assigned to bring back Jin Kisaragi to his post. In the military academy, she became friends with Tsubaki Yayoi, Makoto Nanaya, Carl Clover and Jin Kisaragi—although he doesn't think highly of her due to her resemblance to Saya. She was given an offer to join the army as a lieutenant in the 4th division of the Praetorian Guard six months before her graduation.

Noel is a professional gunslinger who wields the Archenemy Arcus Diabolus: Bolverk. It appears as a pair of large-barrel handguns, though it can also take on other forms such as a gatling gun. Her fighting style involves using firearms combined with hand-to-hand combat.

It is later revealed that she is the true successor of the Azure and the perfect Murakumo Unit named Mu-12.





## Hazama

CV: Yuichi Nakamura

The former captain of the Novus Orbis Librarium's Intelligence Department. His real name is Yuuki Terumi, a former member of the Six Heroes as well as the original creator of the Azure Grimoire and the Black Beast. Terumi was also the original owner of the Susano'o Unit armor that now belongs to Hakumen, but drove himself out of it for the reason that he'll be forever linked to the Master Unit while in the armor.

As Hazama, he maintained a calm and quiet demeanor around most people. He claimed that he hates fighting and preferred not to be involved in any conflict. His true self, however, is sadistic and insane in nature. For the sake of his enjoyment, Terumi took every opportunity taunting them or bringing up a very sensitive topic that will remind them of their misery and suffering.

In battle, Hazama summons his Archenemy Geminus Anguim: Ouroboros as well as using a balisong-style butterfly knife. Being the original creator of the Azure Grimoire, Hazama possesses his own imitation and activates it in the same manner as Ragna with the intention of mocking him.



## Rachel Alucard

CV: Kana Ueda

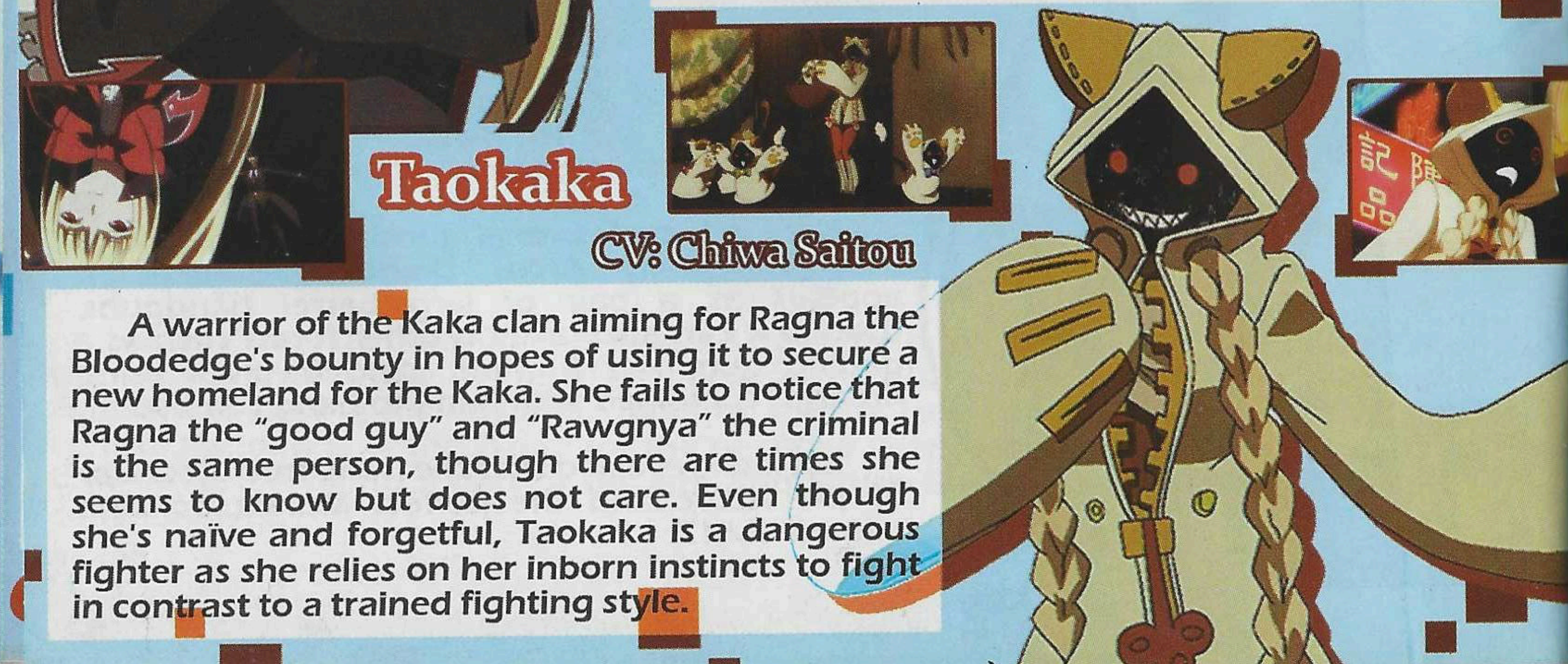
She is the current head of the Alucard vampire clan and Ragna the Bloodedge's benefactor. Rachel's personality is akin to a stereotypical upper class individual. Despite this, she shows concern for her allies. Rachel, along with Valkenhayn, is the only ones who know that the time was looping the Calamity Trigger, and for that reason, she is secretly helping the characters involved into breaking the loop.



## Taokaka

CV: Chiwa Saitou

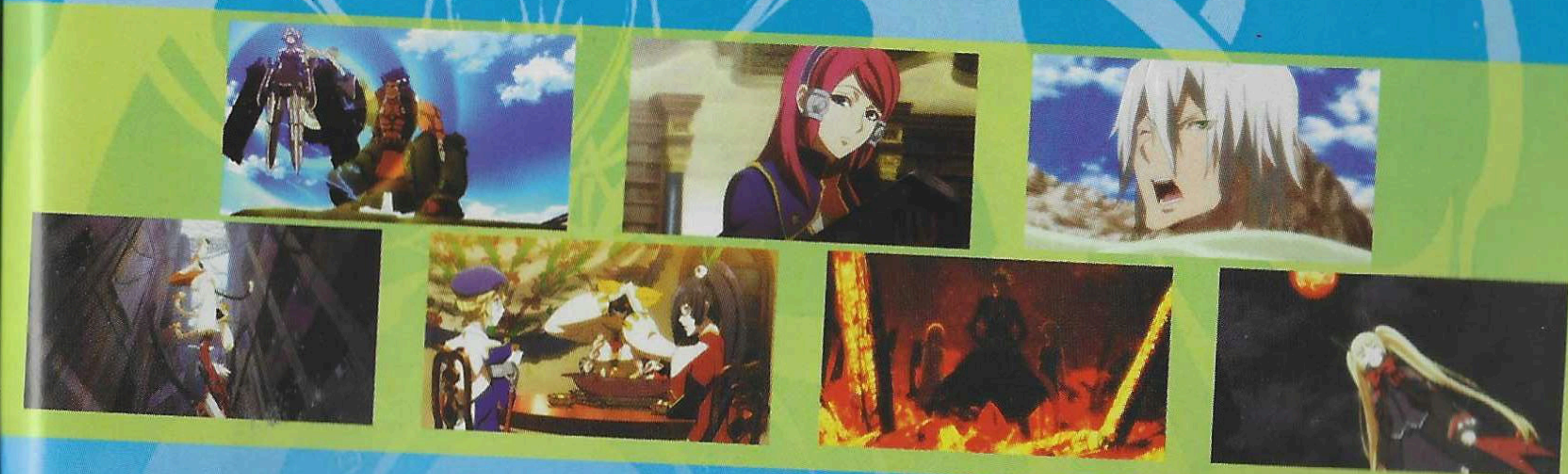
A warrior of the Kaka clan aiming for Ragna the Bloodedge's bounty in hopes of using it to secure a new homeland for the Kaka. She fails to notice that Ragna the "good guy" and "Rawgnya" the criminal is the same person, though there are times she seems to know but does not care. Even though she's naïve and forgetful, Taokaka is a dangerous fighter as she relies on her inborn instincts to fight in contrast to a trained fighting style.



Alter Memory is definitely a must watch for all fans of the Blazblue franchise. It is one of the most awaited anime of the Fall 2013 season due to the games accumulating fans from around the world. Knowledge about the game is not necessarily required for anyone who will be touching this series for the first time; instead, watching the series could more likely leave you with a strong urge to play the game.



The anime definitely shows great potential because of its wonderful animation and steady story pacing. The art style is quite decent and the plot is loyal to the parent story, not to mention the wide variety of badass characters that appears left and right. It is quite safe to say that Blazblue may boast about their characters, each and every one of them has a pivotal role to the story.



Blazblue Alter Memory strongly depicts the concept of partings and reunions. A seemingly eternal farewell would eventually lead to a very peculiar yet wonderful reunion between the characters of the Blazblue series. This very same concept would hold true for any fans of the series, especially for those faithful fans that follows the franchise from the beginning up to present as Blazblues continues to expand its universe.

"I'll show you... the power of the Azure! I'll show you fear. There is no hell, only nothingness. This is the power of darkness."

-Ragna the Bloodedge





# X-MAS PRESENT GET!

Christmas is finally here!!



A wonderful occasion where families get together celebrating the birth of Christ. It's also a perfect event to go on a special date with your girlfriend if you prefer the way Japan celebrates Christmas. With lots of food lining up in our dining tables, its guaranteed that no one will be able to move on to the next day without inflating their bellies. There are also games for all ages with prizes at stake to give Christmas a twist of festivity. Naturally, Christmas won't be complete without the tradition of giving and exchanging presents.

Ideal gifts for a male Otaku:

## Animé Figures

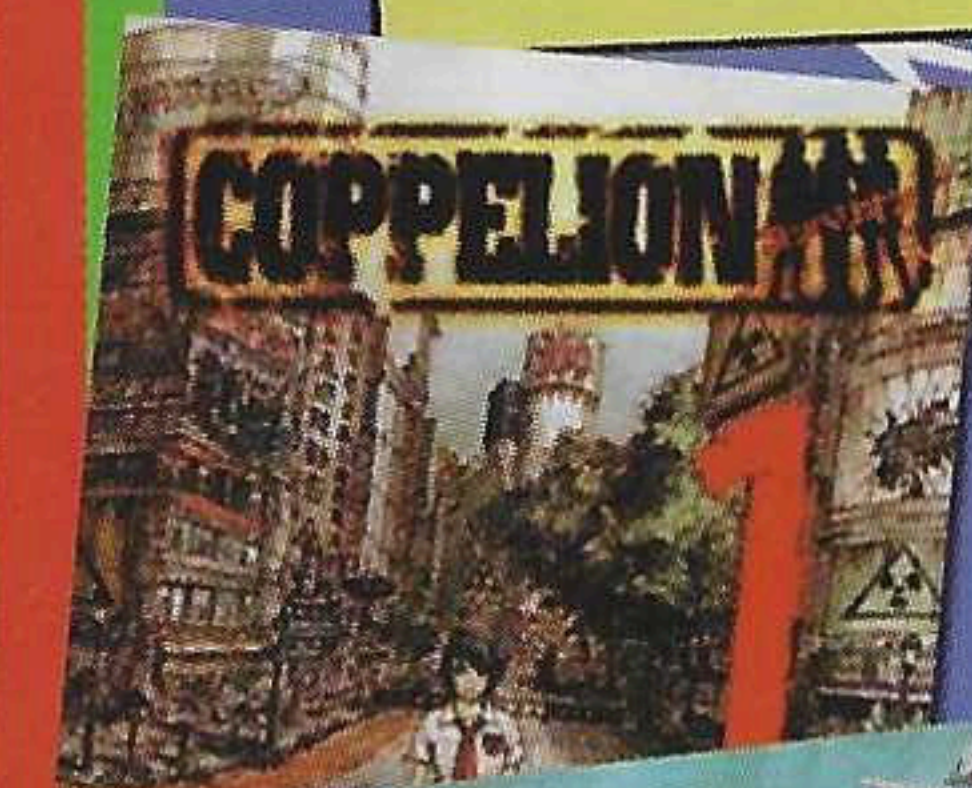


Owning at least one of these babies is like completing one of life's basic quests. Since not all people can go to Japan and purchase the goods straight from Akihabara, a scale figure of our favorite character or a nendoroid version of her would be a good present for men who adore Japanese animation.

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## 4 Original Light Novel and Manga series



English translated light novels and manga helped us read and understand the story of a series that's originally written in Japanese. But there are also people who want to own and read the original material. Giving this as a present will help them further understand the language.

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## HDD Space

Some people prefer downloading animé over streaming since the file will be stored in their PC's HDD for them to watch anytime they want. However, the downside is that eventually their HDD space won't be enough to keep all the shows they've downloaded, leaving them no choice but to delete some. A present in the form of an external drive with a capacity of 1 terabyte or above will save them from deletion.



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## Gundam Plastic Models

If they're hardcore Gunpla builders before being animé enthusiasts, then a Master Grade model kit would be a perfect present for them. For gunpla builders, there's no greater joy than taking their time building the plastic models and see their collections lined up for display or even recreate a scene from a popular mecha animé.

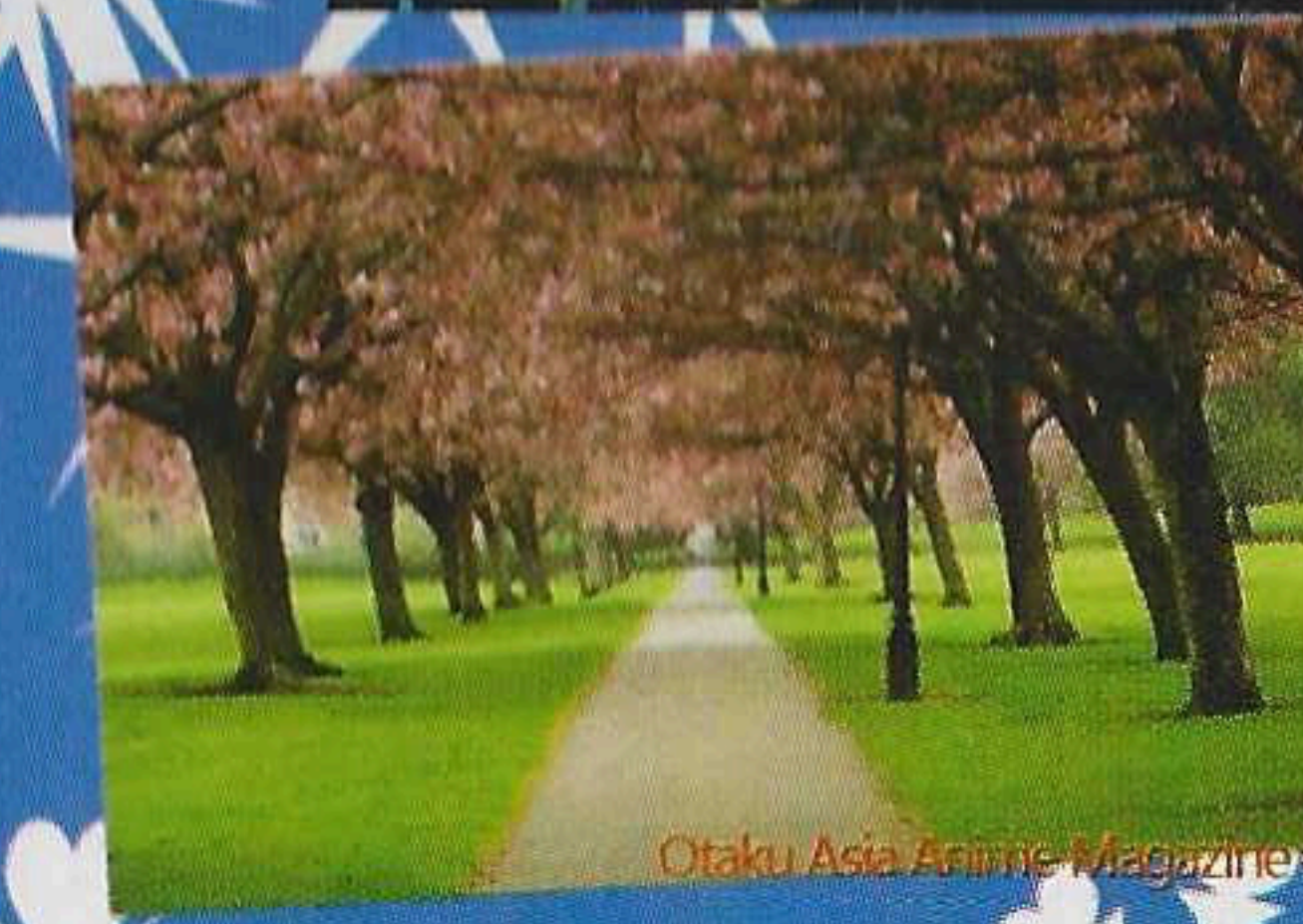
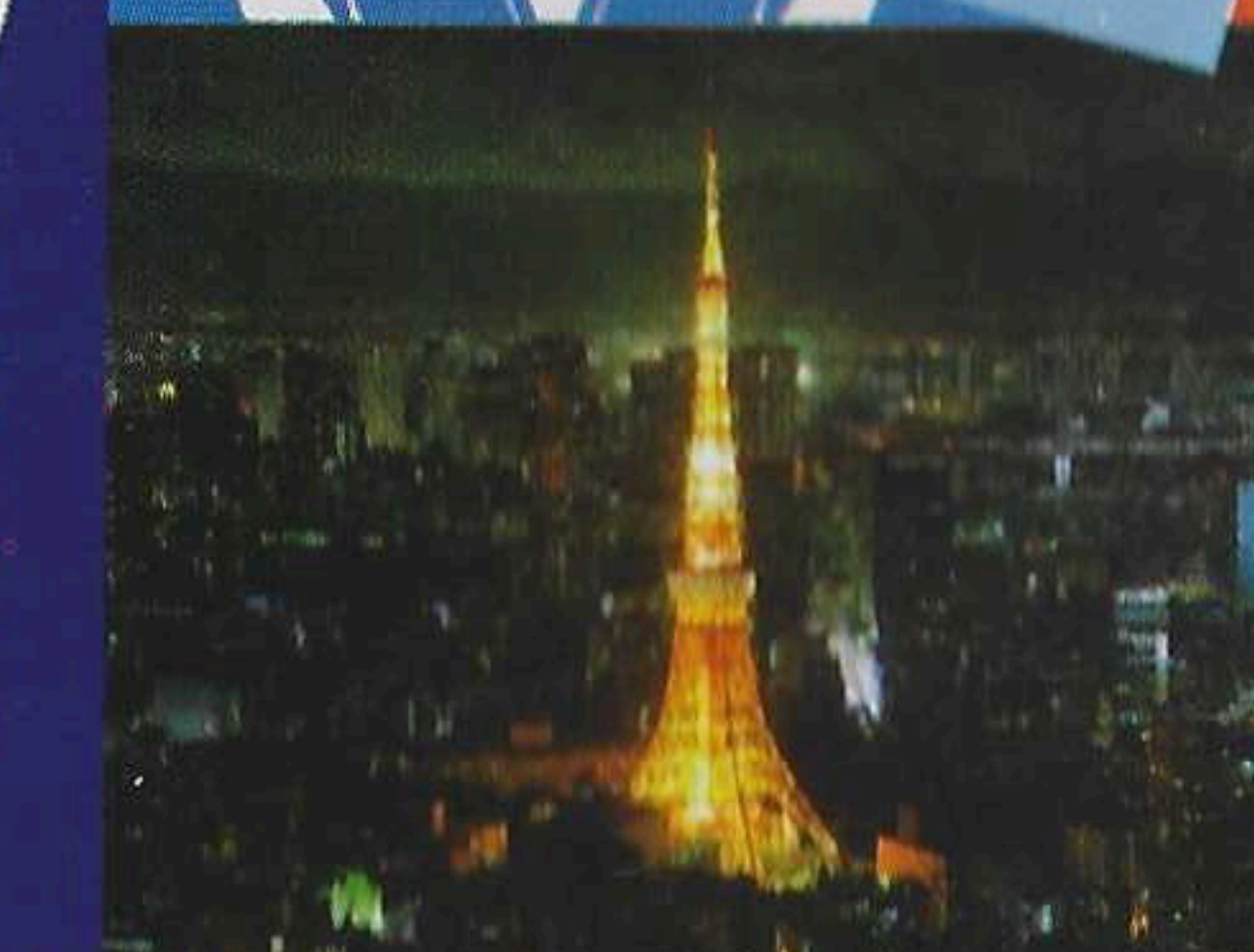


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## Trip to Japan



Finally, the ultimate present every male animé fans would like to have: being able to visit the origin of Japanese animation and its culture. Of course, Akihabara should be the first place to visit and see the maids handling flyers, game shops, themed cafés, or even promotional events performed by a seiyuu group!





Christmas is one of the events that every person is waiting for. It is the time where people decorate their houses, people go to mass every night which is called the "simbang gabi" and it is also the time where people give gifts to their family, friends and colleagues. Every person has different things that he/she wants to receive for Christmas as a gift; especially the otakus. You have no idea what an otaku really wants. No worries, because we will be presenting to you the

## Top 5 Gifts for Female Otakus

### ANIME KEYCHAINS/ACCESSORIES



Most people want accessories on their bags so it wouldn't look plain. Otakus want something that is related to their favorite anime like Lucy Heartfilia's keys from Fairytail.

Anime button pins also will do. This is the perfect choice of gift to those who have little budget to spend for giving gifts to someone you know that is an otaku.

### ART COMMISSION

This is the perfect gift to those girls who love personalized anime illustrations; which is made especially for them. It could be their favorite anime character wearing something related to Christmas and while holding a sign with a personalized message. It could also be a crossover of their favorite anime in one artwork and also a certain pose of their anime to their liking.



### ANIME PLUSHIES



Most girls love plushies and they love to hug it especially in bed. It is also an equivalent gift to teddy bears, making the person that you gave it to feel special. That otaku will treasure it and love it.

### COSTUME



This is one of the things that every otaku wishes to have. Who wouldn't want to act and dress exactly like your anime character for a day? Most otaku females love cosplaying and going to anime conventions; some of them just don't show it in public. So, if you haven't chosen what to give as a gift for an otaku friend then this is the perfect gift from them. They will surely love this.

### ELECTRIC TAKOYAKI MAKER



This is one of the best gifts for a female otaku. Takoyaki is one of the famous foods in Japan and it can be seen in most anime series. There are times when they crave and drool for takoyaki when seen in Anime series. No worries, they could make it at home and make it as a snack while watching anime.





**LIVE ACTION**

# Boku wa Tomodachi ga Sukunai

written by: Yani

Written & Directed by:  
**Takuro Oikawa**

Release Date:  
**02-01-14**

School is the place where teenagers mostly spend their time. It is also the place where you meet new people and eventually form new bonds and make friends.

What if you are an introvert person? You'll find it difficult to make friends with your classmates.

How much more with making friends around the campus? Will you spend your entire school year being alone at school or will you find a way to gain a friend no matter what?

*Boku wa Tomodachi ga Sukunai* is the story of Kodaka Hasegawa who is a half British half Japanese teen with a blond hair. With that, he also has fierce eyes that make him look scary and threatening. One day, on his way home, he forgot something in the classroom and went back to get it. In the classroom, Hasegawa saw his female classmate Yozora Mikazuki talking to her imaginary friend. This surprised him because she never spoke and this is the first time he has heard her voice.

Their encounter made them realize that neither of them had social lives. Therefore they decide to form a new club called the "*Neighbors Club*". A club for people who doesn't have friends but wants to have one. Will this club be the key for them to finally have friends?

The light novel series and the manga is written by Yomi Hirasaka while the anime series is written by Misaki Harukawa. Yomi Hirasaka stated earlier that the live action will be an original story; it will not recreate the light novel series that we've known. He also stated that he will be hands-off in this movie; he does not know what the story plot of the live action will be. However, Yomi still asks his readers to watch the live action. The movie is filmed at Ryokoku University in Kyoto.

The live action is written and directed by Takuro Oikawa.

The live action of *Boku wa Tomodachi ga Sukunai* is a must see movie since the story is different. This makes the live action really exciting, many fans wonder what will be the story on the live action.

The trailer of the movie is great; it made us curious about it and it looks like that there will be some comedy in it.

So mark your calendars as it will be showing all over Japan on February 1, 2014!

## Characters & Cast:



**Kodaka Hasegawa**  
Koji Seto



**Yozora Mikazuki**  
Kie Kitano



**Sena Kashiwazaki**  
Mio Otani



**Rika Shiguma**  
Mao Kanjo



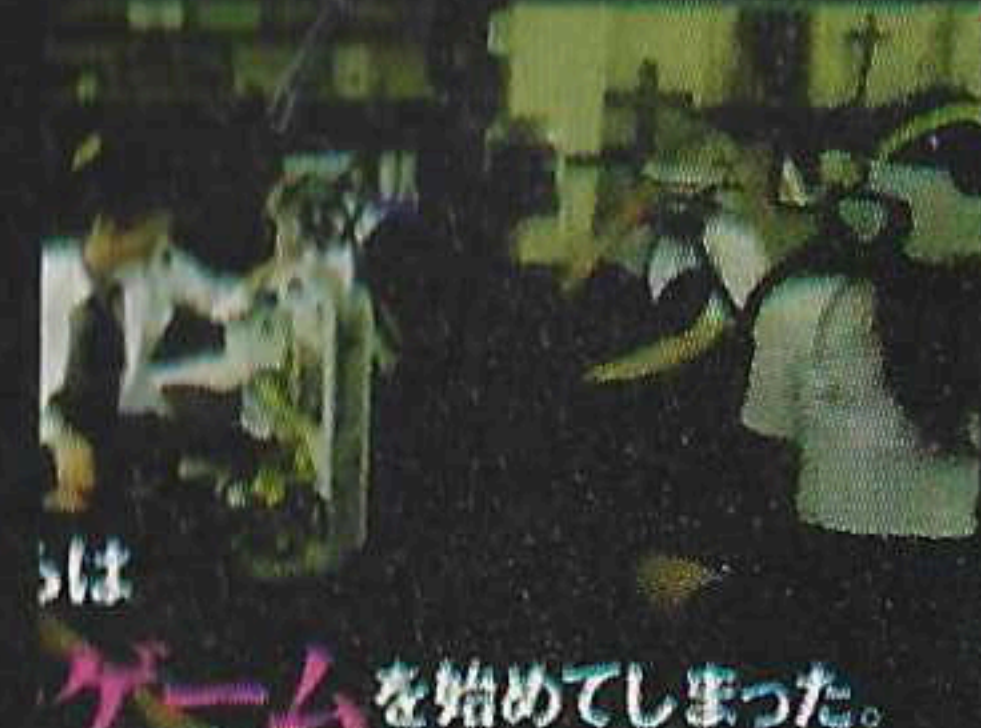
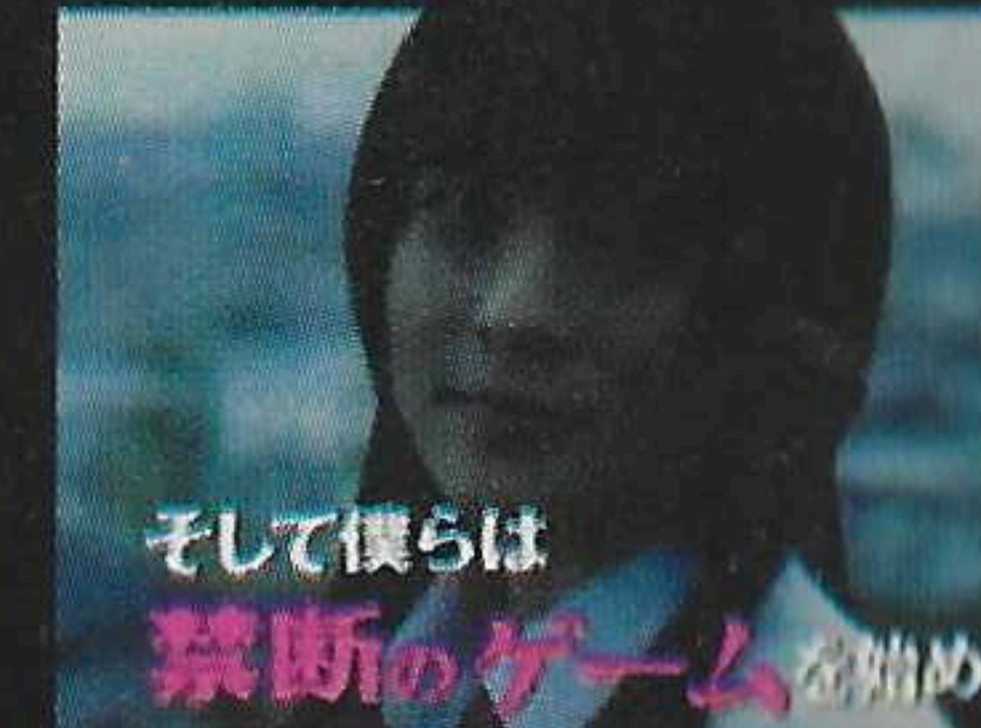
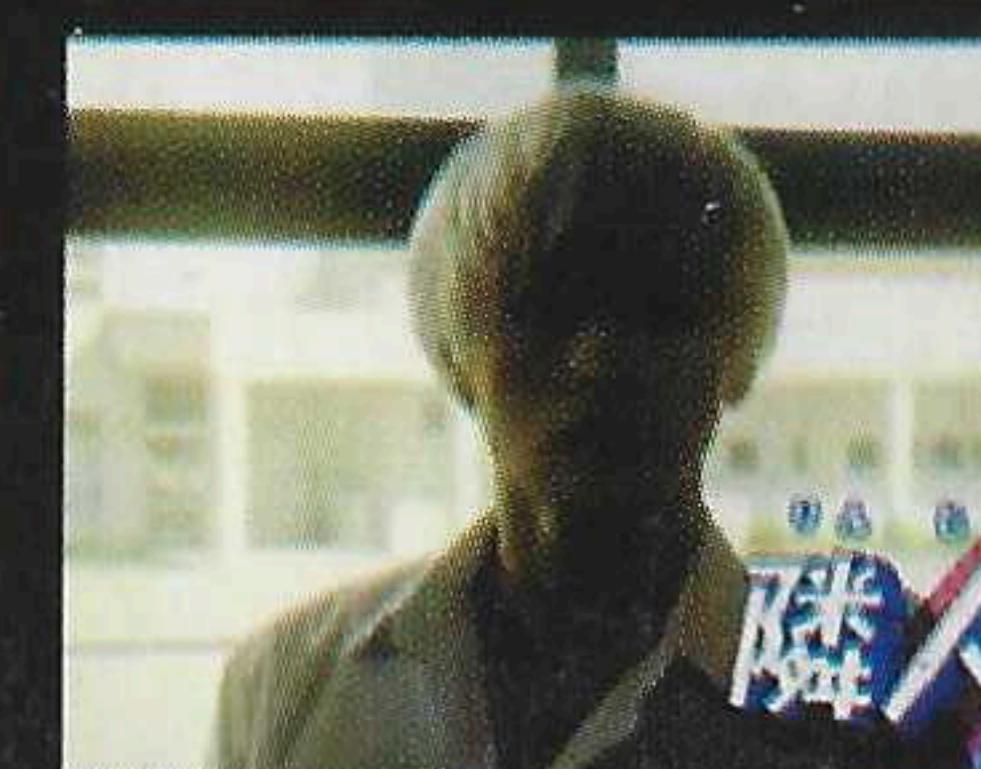
**Yukimura Kusunoki**  
Sara Takatsuki



**Maria Takayama**  
Momoka Yamada



**Kobato Hasegawa**  
Sayu Kubota







LIVE ACTION

Written by: yani

## Mugiko-san to



Families should always be together. The parents' role is to take care and to teach their children. But what if you barely remember your parents because they went far away when you were still a kid. You grew up being dependent in yourself. What if suddenly one day they returned home and then claimed that you will be together forever? Will you forgive and forget?

**Mugiko-san to** is the story of Mugiko who lives together with his brother. As an otaku, her favorite anime is "Imadoki Dokyusei" wherein the female main character uses the power of science and technology to battle in the virtual world.

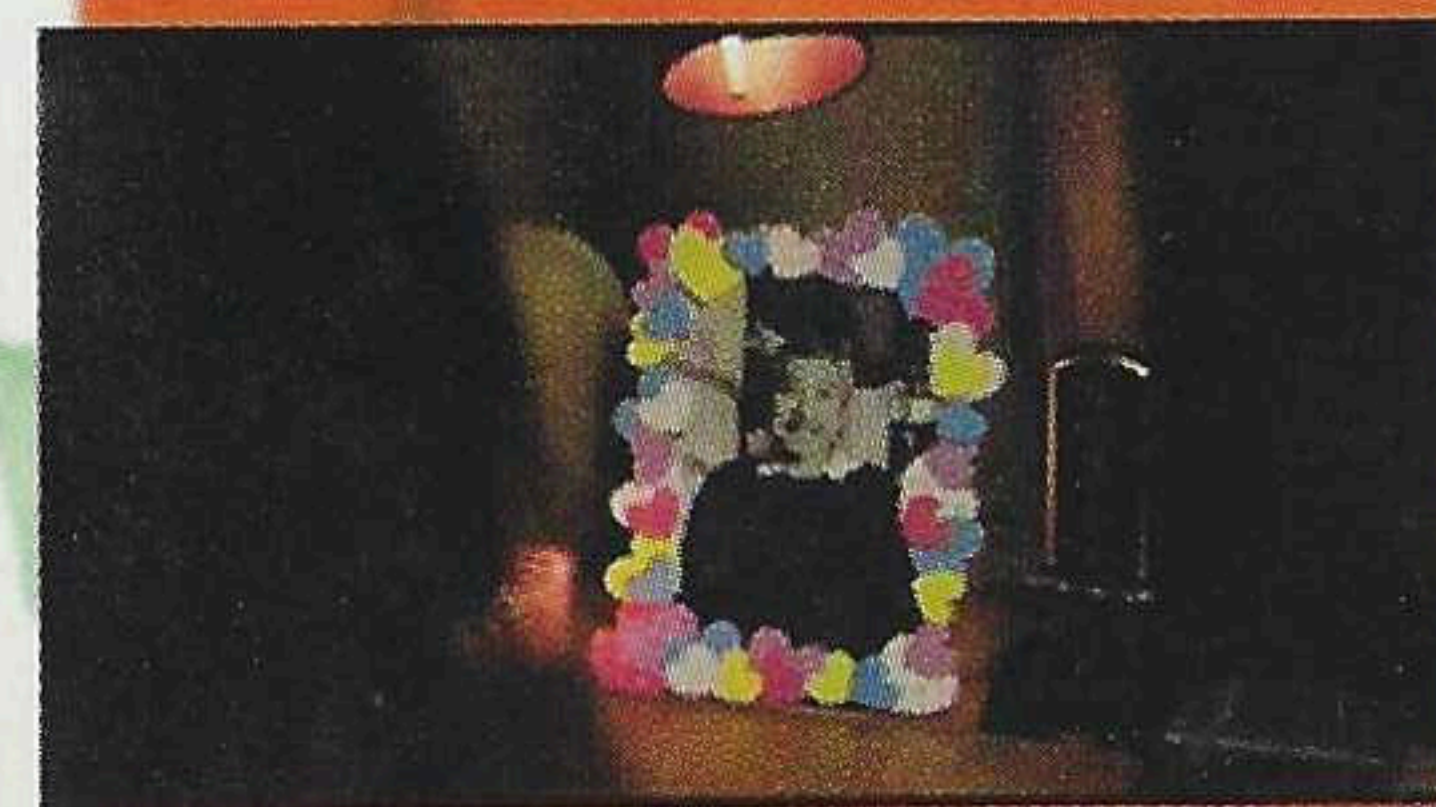
When she was still a child, her father died of an illness and their mother left them, leaving her with his brother. Many years passed and they haven't heard a single thing about their mother; however one day, their mother returns home and claims that they will be a family together. Mugito is having mixed feelings towards her mother whether she will accept her or not.

Unknown to them, her mother has illness that could cause her death.

Eventually, their mother passes away because of the illness. Mugiko needs to go to their hometown to lay the ashes of her mother to rest but also to know more about her mother.

**Mugiko-san to** is directed by Keisuke Yoshidai. He requested the Production IG animation studio to make anime segments for the film itself. He would also want to include elements from the anime *Precure* in the movie itself.

The movie will be open in Japan cinemas this December 21. Let's follow Mugitos' adventure as she discovers and learns about what kind of person her mother really was.



Written by: yani

## KIKI'S DELIVERY SERVICE

Settling from another place to another is hard. There is always the worry if the people in the new place are nice and whether they will accept you. You'd also worry if you will be able to gain new friends. Will we let our insecurities within ourselves surface or will we push them aside and think positively that we are good and useful with the talents and the things that we can do?

**Kiki's Delivery Service** is the story of a 13 year old Kiki who is a witch in training. In the tradition of the witches, every witch is designated to leave their homes and to live alone into a new place when they reached the age of 13.

Kiki leaves her hometown together with her cat Jiji in order to fulfill the task. She decided to settle at *Koriko* and eventually she finds nice people who accepted for who she is. One of them is Osono who owns the

*Gūtiokipānja Bakery* with his husband Fukuo. They let her stay in one of their spare rooms.

In order to support herself, she starts a delivery service on the bakery itself. Kiki starts to earn customers and eventually most of them started to like her services; especially the old woman who asked her to deliver the pie for his grand daughter's birthday party.

She is cold towards Tombo, the guy who helped her earlier with the police incident. He respects her highly as a girl and especially her flying abilities as a witch. She eventually warms up to him however, when she met Tombo's circle of friends, her insecurities resurfaced and thus she loses her flying ability and the ability to talk to her cat Jiji.

Will Kiki be able to regain her witch powers or will she become a normal girl?



**Kiki's delivery services** is a light novel written by Elko Kadono and illustrated by Akiko Hayashi published 1985. Four years after, Studio Ghibli released an anime version of this however Kiki's hair was changed to short so that the animators will not have the difficulty in animating her.

The light novel and the anime received numerous awards. One of those is the *7th Annual Golden Gross Award* and *44th Mainichi Award* for being the best animated film in the year 1990. In 2014, a live action of it will be released directed by Takashi Shimizu. Fuka Koshiba will be playing as Kiki and Ryohei Hirota will be playing as Tombo.

Many fans are excited and looking forward to watch this live action film since the light novel and the animated film are both great. Let's wait and watch the live action version of *Kiki's Delivery Service* and get hooked again with her story!







J-IDOL

## CONNECT

Kawashita yakusoku  
wasurenai yo  
me wo toji tashikameru  
oshiyoseta yami  
furiharatte susumu yo

itsu ni nattara nakushita  
mirai wo  
watashi koko de mata  
miru koto dekiru no  
afuredashita fuan no  
kage wo  
nando demo saite kono  
sekai ayundekou

tomedonaku kizamareta  
toki wa ima hajimari  
tsuge  
kawaranai omoi wo  
nose  
tozasareta tobira akeyou

mezameta kokoro wa  
hashiridashita mirai wo  
egaku tame  
muzukashii michi de  
tachidomattemo sora wa  
kirei na aosa de itsumo  
mattetekureru dakara  
kowakunai  
mou nani ga atte mo  
kujikenai



Claris is a Japanese pop duo singers that consists of two highschool girls. They were known originally "Alice Clara" and they changed it to Claris after for their major debut in 2010. Their third single "Connect" which was used for the opening of the anime Puella Magi Madoka Magica was awarded as the "Gold Disc" by the Recording Industry Association of Japan for having more than 100,000 copies of the single being shipped in one year.

Claris started in 2009; they upload their covers of songs from anime and vocaloid on niconico. Their covers became popular and hit on the said website and thus it let them to debut in 2010. Their first major single was entitled "Irony" and it became no. 7 on the oricon charts. It was also used for the opening of the anime "Oreimo".

The name Claris means 'clear' and 'bright' in latin. The two members of it don't reveal themselves in public but instead they were shown in illustrations so that they can focus still on school since they are still highschool students. Clara is the girl with wavy hair and is depicted wearing pink items while Alice is the girl with straight hair and bangs and is depicted wearing blue items. The crescent moon also is used to represent Clara and the sun to represent Alice which came from their own preferences.

Aside from the anime series Puella Magi Madoka Magica and Oreimo, their single "Nexus" was also used in the opening theme of the video game and the light novel of the 9th volume theme song of "Ore no Imoto ga Konna ni Kawaii Wake ga Nai". Their fourth single "Naisho no Hanashi" which was composed by Ryo of Supercell was also used as the ending theme of the anime series "Nisemonogatari".

For a highschool student, they really did a great job in singing their songs. Aside from being catchy, their singing style is unique and you'll never get tired of listening to their songs. Their latest single entitled "Colorful" was used as the opening theme of the anime movie "Puella Magi Madoka Magica: Rebellion" and was released last October 30, 2013. It sold 39446 copies on its first week and reached the 3rd place on the Oricon Charts. Be sure to check out the PV of the said single and you will surely love it because it is packed with creative visuals that suits and will make you more enjoy the music.



Keep your smile! S/mileage is Japanese girl idol group that was formed in the year 2009 under the Hello! Project wing. The group's name came from the words "smile", "mileage" and "age" meaning "age of smiles". In the year 2010, the group won "New Artist Award" in the Japan Record Awards; performing their first major single: "Yumemiru 15 sai". They also have been the Akihabara's image idol for 2 years straight in the year 2011-2012.

S/mileage started with four members and having Ayaka Wada as the leader of the group. The members came from Hello! Pro Kenshuusei; a group where members of it will be trained in the idol world such as becoming back up dancers and having a performance on one of the concerts of the idol groups and soloists of Hello! Project. They started as an indie group and having their first indie single "Ama no Jaku". After releasing their third single, "Suki-Chan" their producer announced that they could become a major group if they would be able to collect 10,000 smiles called the "smile campaign". They were able to do so and collected a total of 16,000 images.

After their one year anniversary of becoming a major idol group last May 2011; big changes happened to the group. Auditions were held and 6 girls were selected; having a total of 9 members. After a few months, 3 members left the group resulting the group to have a total of 6 members up to now. The group's highest selling single is their 8th major single: "Please Miniskirt Postwoman" having sold a total of 35,000 copies, and at the same time it is the graduating single for one of its founding members, Yuuka Maeda.

You'll never get tired of their singles since the themes of it focuses on different things such as growing up, never giving up, trying your best and about admiring someone. Most of the tune of their songs are upbeat and catchy so it's not hard to like and listen to their songs. Their latest released double sided single entitled "Atarashii Watashi ni Nare" and "Yattaruchan!" have different themes from their previous singles. Both of them are all about changing for the better however, Atarashii Watashii ni Nare focuses more the changes within themselves and while Yattaruchan! focuses more about changes within the listeners and viewers of the song. They will be releasing a new double sided single entitled "Ee ka!?" and "Ii Yatsu" on December 18, 2013. Look forward into it!

## Samui Ne.

fuzaketeru wake janai yo  
nantonaku kono kuuki  
ga ya datta no  
hoshizora wo miageta  
kedo  
toku ni nani mo mienai

jiyuu ga ubawarete yuku  
genjitsu wo  
kanaetai yume no  
sei ni shita  
ha wo kulshibatte iku  
shikanai  
konna toko ja modorenai

samui ne.  
kyou wa douka hitori ni  
wa shinai de ne  
denwa demo iikara kimi  
to tsunagattenakya kogoe  
sou  
namida no wake tameiki  
no imi wa kikanai n  
deshou?  
demo ii no soba ni ite ne  
demo ii no soba ni ite ne

hashaideru kodomo no  
you ni  
mujaki ni furumatte mita  
kedo  
niawanai kigasuru no wa  
watashi dake deshou ka

darenimo hanasanakatta  
himitsugoto  
hontou wa kiite  
hoshikatta no  
nodomoto made  
komiageteru kedo  
kirawaresou de kowai na

samui ne.  
kyou mo hitoribocchi nara  
samui ne  
hayaku mukae ni kite  
watashi no koto anshin  
sasete yo  
ai no akashi ai wa katachi  
ni shinakute mo ii no  
demo dakedo soba ni ite  
ne (2X)







# Kyoukai no Kanata

(Beyond the Horizon)

I'm sure you've already heard of many anime that has a cute girl with supernatural powers and fights evil monsters on a regular basis. Then you're going to like Kyoto Animation's latest offering – Kyoukai no Kanata.

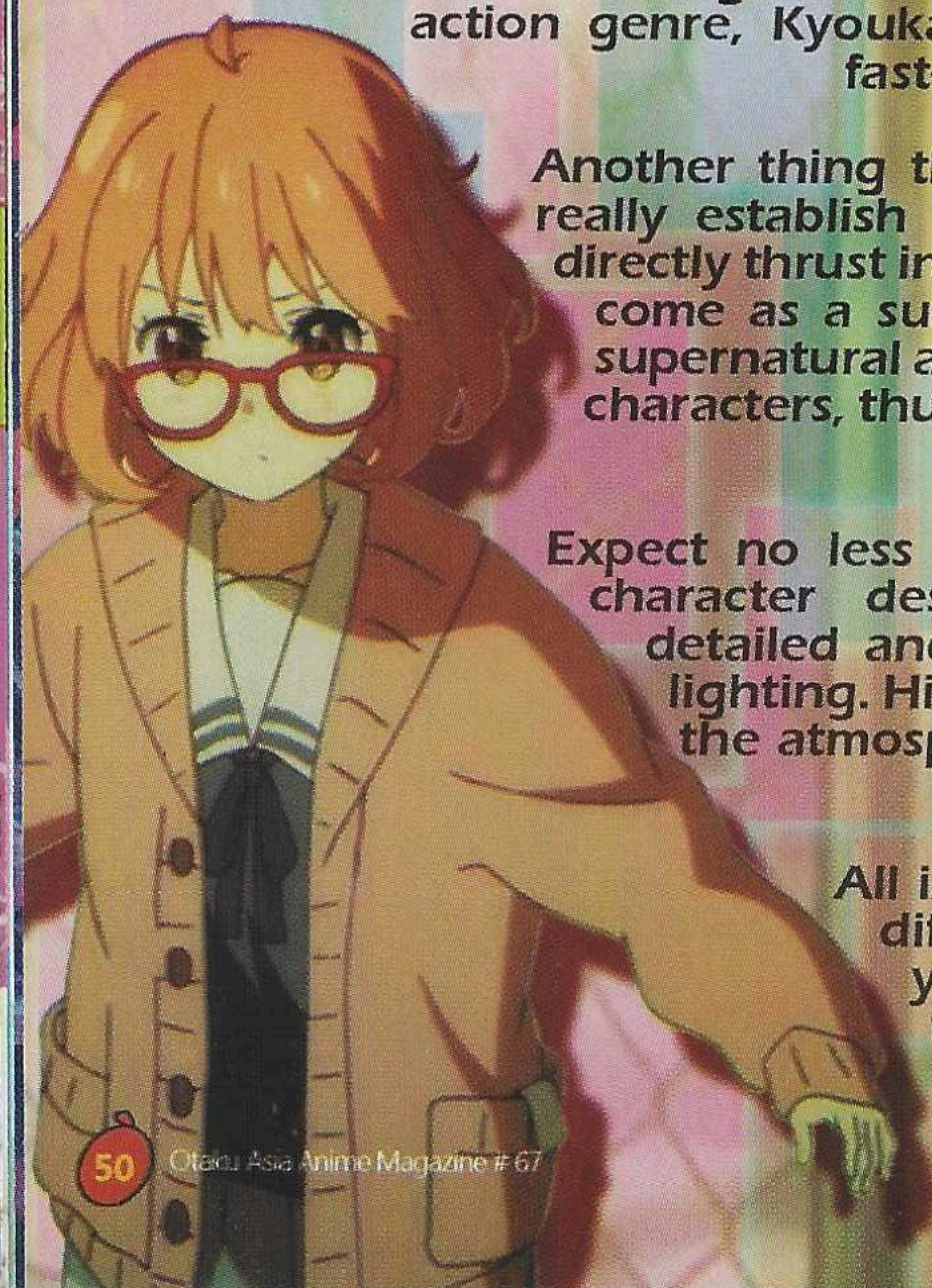
One day, a high school student Kanbara Akihito finds a cute girl standing on the edge of the school's rooftop. Fearing that she might jump, he rushes to her and tries to talk her out of it, so the girl jumps towards him instead... and stabs him. Thankfully, he's half-youmu (kind of like a youkai), and he survives without any injuries whatsoever. On the other hand, the girl he "saves", Mirai Kuriyama, is a Spirit World Warrior – people who are purposed to slaying youmu and are gifted with powerful special abilities in order to do so. Thus begins the two's strange, funny, melancholic, and heartwarming relationship in a world filled with mystery and magic.

What makes Kyoukai no Kanata different from the usual action-mystery-supernatural anime is that it focuses more on the characters instead of the setting and the action. Its more about Mirai feeling alienated because of her extraordinary powers and responsibilities as a Spirit World Warrior and its implications towards her personal life and interaction towards other people. And for Akihito, it's about knowing what to do to help Mirai, be it in her problems as a Spirit World Warrior as well as in being a better person in general. However, just because of the story is focused on the character's lives doesn't mean that the action is neglected. While KyoAni isn't exactly known for titles under the action genre, Kyoukai no Kanata is definitely one to impress with its fast-paced, stylish, and stunningly dazzling battle scenes.

Another thing that sets Kyoukai no Kanata apart is that it doesn't really establish the show's world beforehand, as the viewers are directly thrust into it without being given an exposition. While it does come as a surprise and may leave some confused, it makes the supernatural aspect of the anime seem like an everyday thing to the characters, thus giving a better glimpse on how the characters view their world and its inhabitants.

Expect no less when it comes to art, as it's filled with beautiful character designs, smooth character movements, extremely detailed and vividly colorful backgrounds, as well as fantastic lighting. It's not only eye candy, as the art is able to accentuate the atmosphere as well as the general supernatural setting of the story.

All in all, Kyoukai no Kanata is a more than decent and different take on the action-supernatural genre. So if you're looking for a good fantasy anime that has top-notch art, a different viewpoint and focus instead of the usual battle-oriented one, and a well-established setting, you no longer need to look beyond the horizon.



**Mirai Kuriyama**

Until he met Mirai, Akihito was just a sophomore who wants a regular high school life. Thanks to Mirai's persistence and his attraction to cute girls who wear glasses, he has become her friend. He looks after Mirai, and he always goes out of his way to help her in making her a better Spirit Warrior as well as a better person.

Mirai is a mysterious girl who was supposed to commit suicide, until Akihito talked her out of it, making them friends ever since. Being a Spirit World Warrior, she can turn her blood into a sword – ability unique even among her own kind. Despite all that, she isn't very talented in slaying youmu.

**Akihito Kanbara**



**Mitsuki Nase**

Despite being Akihito's friend, Mitsuki enjoys in teasing and mocking him. Nonetheless, being both Akihito's friend as well as the president of the Literature Club where Akihito is a member of, she would always give him advice.

**Hiromi Nase**

Hiromi is Mitsuki's older brother and a close friend of Akihito. Quite the eccentric fellow, he would always put his fingers on Akihito's waist and would speak about his love for his sister openly. A talented Spirit World Warrior, he can conjure barriers that can protect him as







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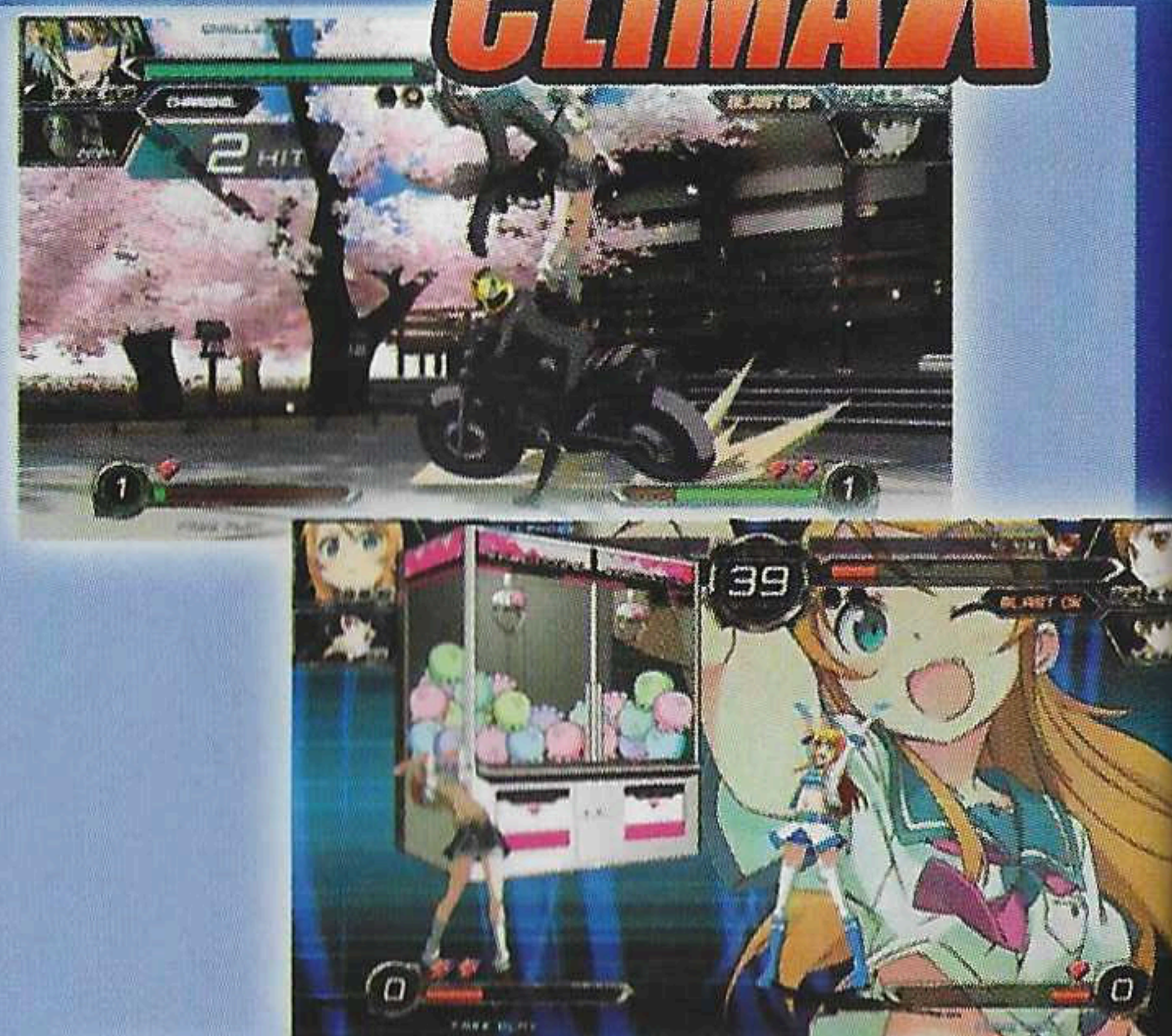
# DENGEKI BUNKO FIGHTING

## CLIMAX

Dengeki Bunko Fighting Climax is an upcoming anime-based 2D arcade fighting game published by Sega and developed by French-Bread and Ecole Software who were responsible for Melty Blood and Under Night In-Birth. The game brings forth a grand battle royal between selected characters from famed light novel series that were given anime adaptations that were published under the Dengeki Bunko imprint as part of their 20th anniversary.

The game features classic arcade gameplay along with support commands. The retro style gameplay that is adored by many arcade fans is adapted into a more advance style of fighting game that may leave players breathless.

Since the original announcement, bits of information and promotional videos are being released one at a time. They provide a steady stream that introduces various characters and game mechanics that leaves fans hanging by the ends of their seats. Dengeki Bunko Fighting Climax is set for arcade release in the Spring of 2014 and would be ported to home consoles following soon after.



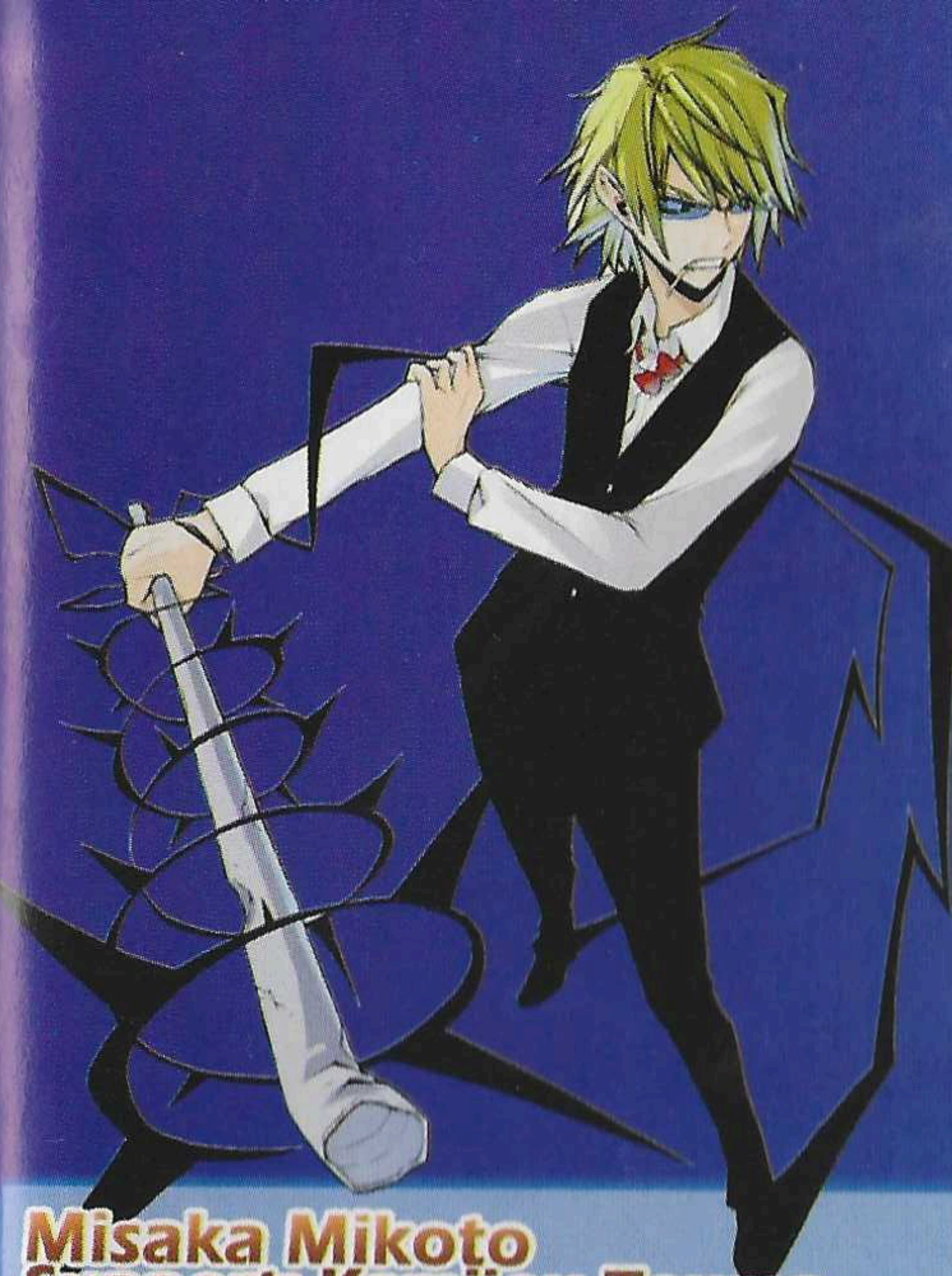
## PLAYABLE CHARACTERS



### Kuroyukihime Support: Arita Haruyuki

Kuroyukihime is the female lead character from Accel World. She is known in the accelerated world as Black Lotus. She is also known as the Black King and is the current leader of Nega Nbulus. Kuroyuki is one of the few level 9 users who seeks to be the first level 10 and would dispatch anything for that purpose until she changed her perspective and met Haruyuki.

Kuroyukihime is regarded as a highly offensive technical character. She is capable of performing mid and long-ranged attack that has high damage outputs that devastates her opponent.



### Misaka Mikoto Support: Kamijou Touma

Misaka is one of the main heroines of the To Aru Majutsu no Index series and is the main protagonist of the To Aru Kagaku no Railgun series. She is the 3rd ranked Level 5 esper within Academy City with the title of Railgun and is infamously known for electrocuting all that stands in her way. She is also nicknamed as Biri-Biri by Kamijou Touma. The Electro Master utilizes technical moves that use her electric and magnetic attacks to zone out her enemy which give her an exceptional advantage in long range bouts. Her super magnetism may also be used to break enemies' guard.



### Asuna Support: Leafa

Asuna is the main heroine of the Sword Art Online series along with his partner Kirito. Her full name is Asuna Yuuki and she is the sub-commander of the Knights of Blood as well as the daughter of the former CEO of RECTO Progress. "Lightning Flash" Asuna is known for both her innocence and speed. As her title implies, Asuna is a speed type character that dominated mid-ranged combat with the use of her lightning fast attacks, quick dashes and multi-hit combos.

### Shana Support: Wilhelmina Carmel

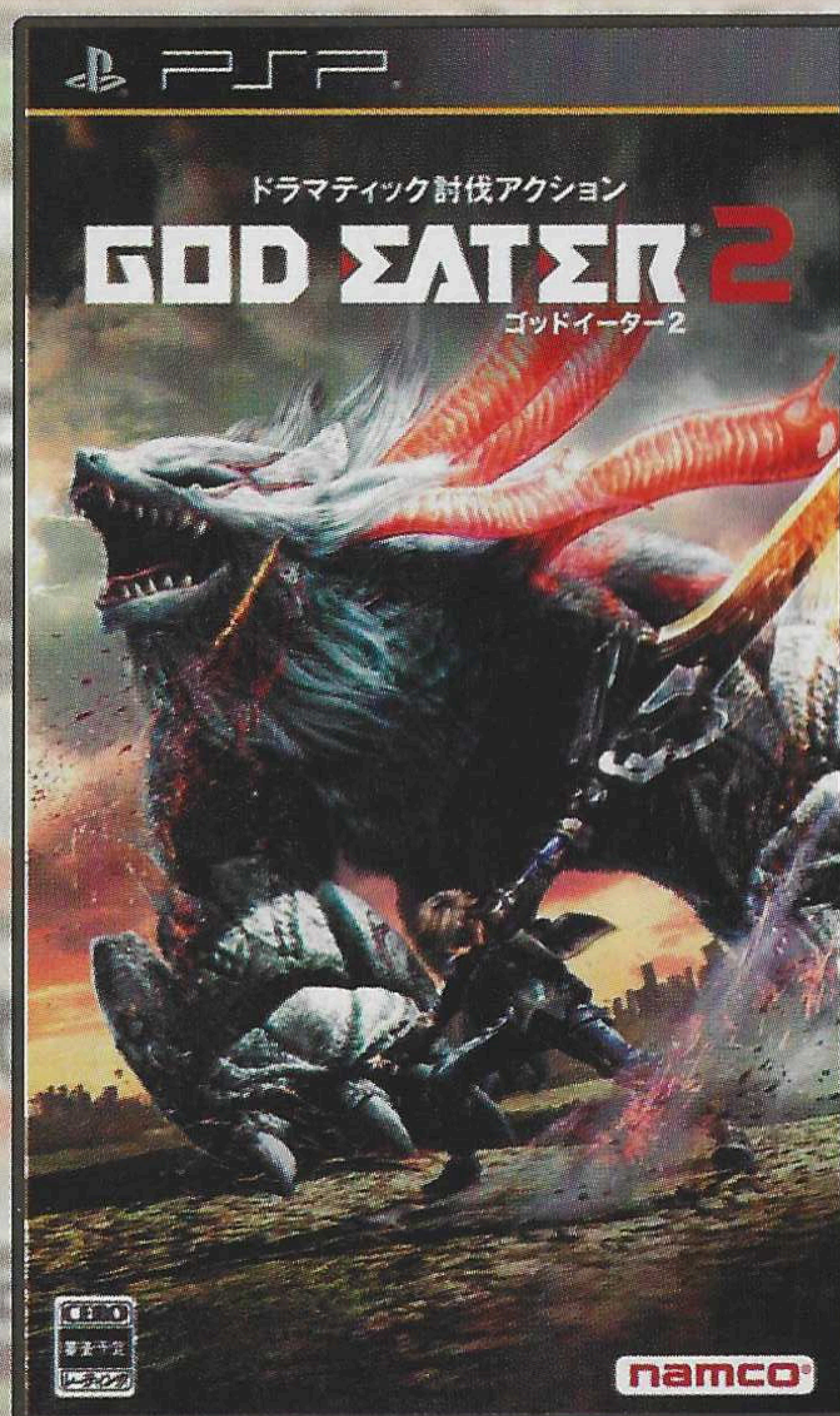
Shana is the tsundere lead female heroine of the Shakugan no Shana series. She is the infamous Flame Haze that bears the title of Flame-Haired Burning-Eyed Hunter. She wields a katana called Nietono no Shana and is revered to as one of the most powerful flame haze because of his contract with Alastor, the Flame of Heaven. Shana is considered as an all-rounder may easily slip through any given situation. She may utilize fire-based projectiles and incorporate aerial attacks that can easily be turned into deadly combos that may send any foe packing if not carefully measured.

### Kirino Kousaka Support: Kuroneko

Kirino is the famous imouto from the Ore no Imouto ga Konna ni Kawaii Wake ga Nai series. She is the youngest sibling of the Kousaka family next to Kyousuke. She is supposed child prodigy that leads a perfect life but little does anybody know, except for his brother, that she is a hardcore otaku that immerses in the world of eroges. Even though she is not technically a fighter, Kirino is a known athlete that has capable of sudden dash and slide moves. She throws off her opponent with her unconventional ways of using cosplay and other various items.







## GAMEPLAY

Just like its predecessor, God Eater 2 is focused on accepting missions to take out monsters that ravaged the world known as the Aragami. When an Aragami is slain, players may devour its corpse using the God Arc to collect materials used for crafting. Breaking the oracle cell on a certain part of the Aragami's body and salvaging are other ways to obtain materials in the game.

Players can play the game as a solo player or with friends in multiplayer mode

- In single-player mode, the player is allowed to bring up to three NPCs in a mission. They all have different traits and battle strategies that may or may not be advantageous to the player.
- Players up to four can form a party via adhoc and take on missions together in multiplayer mode.
- God Eater 2 supports co-op play between PSP and PS Vita as a treat for those who have the game in their respective game consoles.
- Exchanging profile cards with other players will be useful for them as it will allow them to recruit another player's avatar as an AI-controlled party member during single player mode.

# GOD EATER 2

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## AWAKEN THE HIDDEN POWER THAT LIES IN YOUR BLOOD

In this world where mankind lives in fear of the Aragami, a fatal pandemic that will push them further to the road of extinction, has struck the Far East Branch. This new threat known as the "Black Plaque" is believed to be caused by the mysterious Red Rain; and a remedy to counter it has yet to exist. As a result, a special force squad associated with Fenrir was sent to investigate with expectations of finding a solution to stop the outbreak.

Calling all promising recruits of the Fenrir Special Force: Blood, it's time to take up your God Arcs and carve a path through the devastated world of *God Eater 2*.

God Eater 2 is a fast-paced action RPG developed by Shift and published by Namco Bandai Games. Last July 25, a downloadable trial version for the PSP and PS Vita was available for a limited time on the PlayStation Network JPN. God Eater 2 was finally released in Japan last November 14. However, a US localization of the game has not been announced of yet.

## NEW FEATURES

God Eater 2 presents new features and mechanics that will challenge the player's performance in the game:

- Three new weapon types are added to give players a wider selection of weapons to use on their mission: the Shotgun, the Boost Hammer, and the Charge Spear.
- Blood Arts are the evolution of blade attacks that has a variety of effects. Once learned, an existing move may be converted into a new one or perhaps a power-up version of the original. While it is said that there will be over 200 Blood Arts in the game, the player can only equip and master one Blood Art at a time.
- Special functions are added for the Sniper, Assault and Blast gun types, giving players the opportunity to make strategic plays whenever they plan to switch their God Arcs to gun form.
- New Aragami types from different classes will make an appearance.
- New fields with refined visuals.
- Operators will support the players by providing updated information regarding their mission. She will also monitor the party's HP and warn them about the sudden intrusion of a new Aragami in the field.
- The Bullet Editor has been revamped to make the player's bullet customization easier.

## FENRIR SPECIAL FORCE: BLOOD

An affiliate of Fenrir that uses a mobile fortress as their base of operations. The members are made up of new-type God Eaters who can use Blood Arts—the power that lies dormant in their blood. For the reason that they are more than just normal God Eaters, they were sent to investigate the Red Rain which is responsible for the epidemic outbreak in the Far East Branch.



## The Protagonist (Player Character)

- They are the newest members of the Blood Unit under Julius Visconti's command. A new-type God Eater that can use any God Arc combination as well as the ability to use Blood Arts. During missions, the player character will be referred to as "*Blood One*" by the operator.



## Julius Visconti

(CV: Daisuke Namikawa)

- The captain of the Blood Unit. Julius excels in combat and military tactics. His God Arc is the Assault Gun / Long Blade type with a Zero Stance Blood Art that gives a Link Burst effect on all teammates.

## Nana Kazuki

(CV: Emiri Katou)

- Nana is a cheerful girl with a ravening appetite and a past she'd rather not talk about. Despite being a new-type God Eater with a Shotgun / Boost Hammer type God Arc, she never used its gun form.







**Romeo Leoni**  
(CV: Makoto Naruse)

- Generally a nice guy, but has little intellectual interest in anything besides fashion and idols. He uses a Blast Gun / Buster Blade type God Arc. Romeo is the only member of the Blood Unit that hasn't managed to use his Blood Arts. He is Italian according to Kota Fujiki.

**Ciel Alencon**  
(CV: Mamiko Noto)

- A calm girl with a Sniper Gun / Short Blade type God Arc. She cares deeply for Julius Visconti and serves as his bodyguard. Aside from her God Arc, she is also armed with a handgun. Her name means "sky" in French.



**Erina der Vogelweid**  
(CV: Kana Asumi)

- She is the younger sister of Eric der Vogelweid—a member of the Fenrir Far East Branch who died during his mission with Soma and the Protagonist (GEB). Her brother's death made Erina decide to become a God Eater herself despite knowing that her father will strongly object it. Three years later, Erina is now a God Eater with a Shotgun / Charge Spear type God Arc.



**Gilbert McLane**  
(CV: Tomoyuki Morikawa)

- He is the oldest among the members of the Blood Unit with 5 years of combat experience, making him an invaluable ally. His God Arc is the Assault Gun / Charge Spear type.



# Outbreak Company

REVIEWS



As a die-hard otaku, you fully devote yourself to anime, manga and similar hobbies. It's the same routine of watching anime, buying merchandise and going crazy over the new characters of some new shows.

But don't we all wish for something extraordinary to happen one day? That's exactly what happened in *Outbreak Company*!



Scoring perfect on an all-otaku online quiz, **Shinichi Kanou** was called for a job interview. During the interview, he was sent to sleep and woke up in an unfamiliar room. With a half-elf maid and a busty private of the Tokyo SDF, it turned out to be his dream household.

After discovering a **dimensional hole** in the forest of Mt. Fuji, the Japanese have managed to cross into another world. This new world resembles **medieval fantasies** with elves, dragons, and magic. In an effort to establish friendly relations with the **Holy Eldant Empire**, this world's ruling power, the **Amutec company** decided to export some of Japan's most iconic pop culture entertainment. These include anime, manga and video games. As the general manager of this campaign, Japan and the Empire depends on Shinichi to introduce the Japanese culture of Otaku.

*Outbreak Company* does a wonderful job of mixing comedy and cultural perspectives. The show showcases several familiar elements for anime enthusiasts like the parodies of real anime series mentioned or shown. Shinichi's reactions to cute girls also provide a brand of comedy which is very easily relatable to anime fans and as a result, easy to laugh with.

However, while making the audience laugh, *Outbreak Company* quickly revert to more serious themes such as social issues, racism and education. While the two cultures, the Empire and Japan, seem very different, the anime delivers important messages of influence, adaptation and change. The co-existence of two very different lifestyles is a unique focal point of this anime.



With these in mind, *Outbreak Company* is an anime which mixes fantasy and modern pop culture. You might come in for the laughs and the parodies, but would finish with more than they bargained for. You will not be disappointed.



If you or your friends are in for some Aragami-slaying action, you'd better try this game out! *God Eater 2*'s high-speed combat system and storyline are both aspects that will give players the feel of becoming a hero in a post-apocalyptic world overrun by the Aragami.



# STRIKE THE BLOOD

Imagine yourself as a regular guy in a city on an island. Rumors about the appearance of the **Fourth Progenitor** – the world's strongest vampire – have circulated within the island. While enjoying one of your ordinary afternoons, you suddenly notice a teenage girl stalking you. Suddenly, she accuses you of being the Fourth Progenitor!

**Strike the Blood** explains that the **Fourth Progenitor** as a being so cruel and powerful. It is said that his coming brings out the **twelve avatars of calamity**. Because of this, the peace treaty between humans and vampires could be broken. As a remedy, the **Lion King** organization decided to send a female "sword shaman" named **Yukina Himeragi** to Itoami Island, home to several supernatural races. Armed with a special anti-demon weapon, she was given one mission: to watch over the suspected Fourth Progenitor, **Kojo Akatsuki**.

Yukina learned that the Fourth Progenitor is just a regular teenage boy living a normal life; with only vague memories of how he became the monster he's supposed to be. She quickly developed a surprising friendship with Kojo. With a lot of supernatural forces at work, they only have a little time before Kojo succumbs to his demonic instincts. When the time comes, when the sword shaman choose to terminate the target or save a new friend?



Written by **Gakuto Mikumo**, (*Dantalian no Shoka*, *Asura Cryin'*), **Strike the Blood** began as a light novel on **May 2011**. Presently, its publication is ongoing with 6 volumes. Manga adaptations have also been released on the *Dengeki Daioh* magazine on August 2012.

With this anime, there is never a dull moment. **Strike the Blood** is filled with fast-paced action scenes and intriguing characters that form a likable cast. The plot and the pacing both flow smoothly and it has a well formed folklore. The soundtrack, especially the opening and ending themes, are perfect for setting the mood for viewers and giving them a preview of what the show has to offer.

All these combine to form an anime that's very exciting to watch. With its excellent execution on elements that can make a great series, it doesn't matter if you're a fan of action anime or not. This is one show you better check out.



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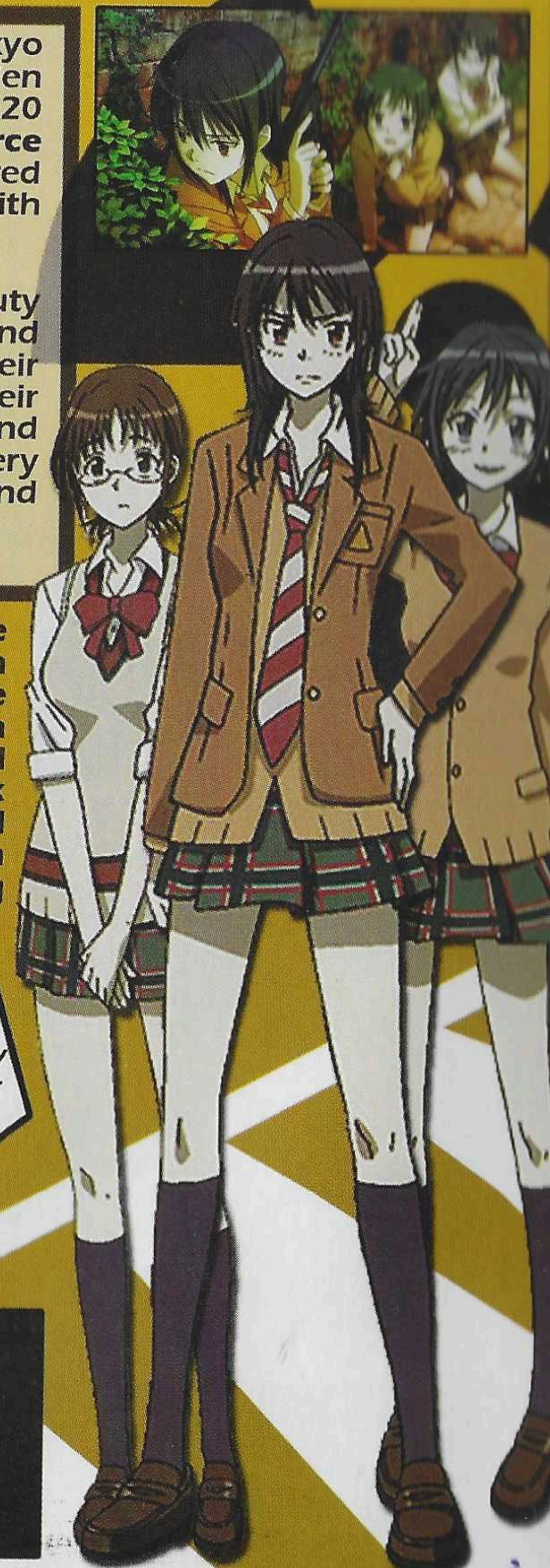
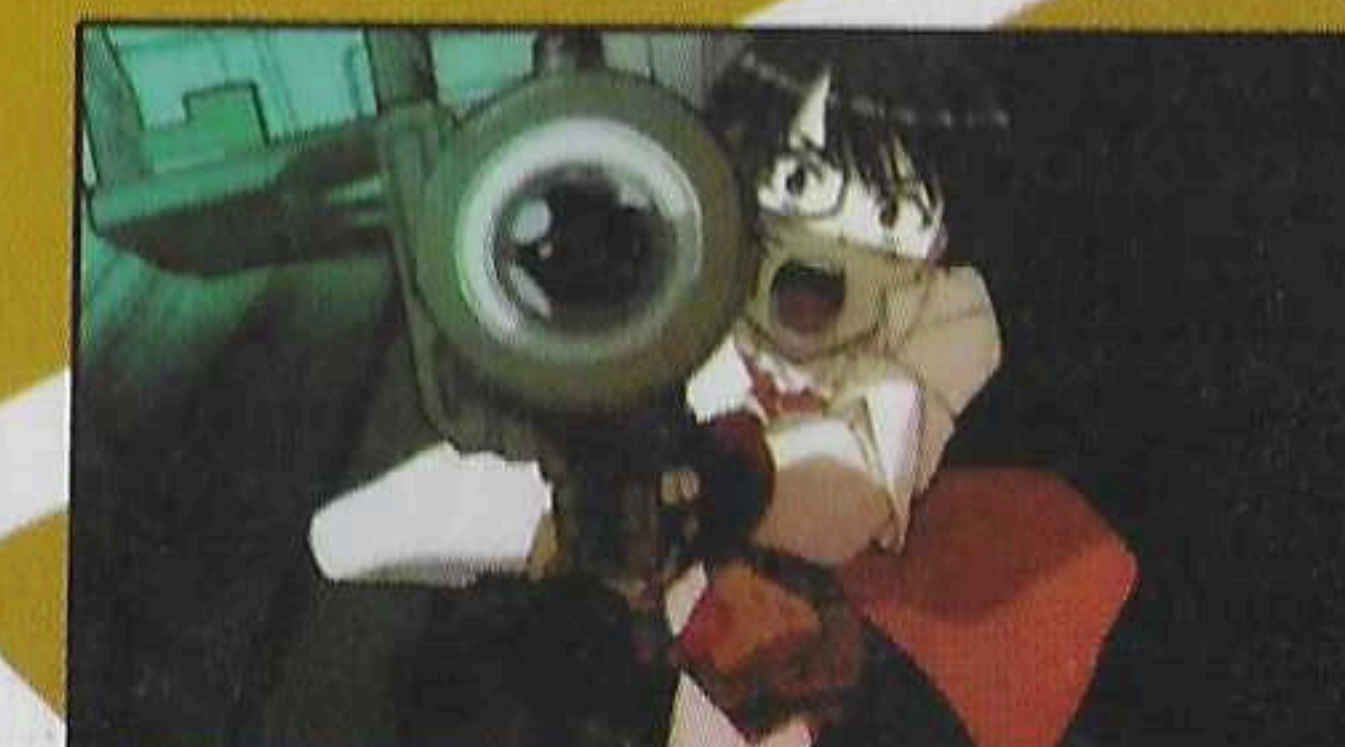
Amidst the back draft of a post-apocalyptic contaminated city, three high school girls outfitted with their school uniforms casually strolls through the god forsaken ghost town. These girls were artificially created and heavily modified in able to adapt to the city's harsh radioactivity. They are a special unit with the sole purpose of search and rescue, and they are called, **Coppelion**.

In 2016, an earth-rending catastrophe occurred in Tokyo in which a power plant near **Odaiba** caused a sudden **nuclear meltdown** forcing the citizens to evacuate. 20 years after, the **Japan Ground Self-Defense Force** decides to dispatch the genetically engineered **Coppelion Unit** led by **Naruse Ibara** along with **Fukasaku Aoi** and **Nomura Taeko**.

Due to their immunity to high-level radiation, their duty is to answer the distress signals throughout the city and extract the survivors to a safer place. During their operations, they meet various people that affect their lives, perilous situations that put their life in danger, and devastating secrets that might question their very existence. Will they overcome all the trials and tribulations? Or will they succumb to harshness and discord?

**GoHands** adapted **Coppelion** from **Inoue Tomonori's** ongoing manga by the same title which is currently serialized in **Monthly Young Magazine** and is published by **Kodansha**. **Coppelion** is also an **Oricon** best seller and was actually green lighted for an anime adaptation on 2010 but was held back due to various reasons until its actual airing on fall 2013. The anime's theme songs were both performed by **Angela** with "Angel" as the opening and "Toku Made" as the ending theme.

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Coppelion. She had beautiful eyes and spent her time reading by the second floor window of Dr. Coppelius's house. But the girl was just a doll created by the doctor. Coppelion... We're living dolls.  
-Aoi







# Yuushibu

To be the hero everyone admires and respects, to gather powerful companions and allies, to conquer dungeons and acquire treasures, and to defeat the Demon Lord; is what most people aspires and dreams about especially in their childhood days. But what if there was a high chance for you to achieve these things but is suddenly snatched from the palm of your hands? These are the excruciating circumstances of this anime's protagonist, thus

"I Couldn't Become a Hero, so I Reluctantly Decided to Get a Job."

Yuusha ni Narenakatta Ore wa Shibushibu Shuushoku wo Ketsui Shimashita or Yushibu is about Raul Chaser, a former hero-in-training who wasn't able to become a hero. Just before his Hero exam, a crucial announcement was made stating that the Hero Program was indefinitely suspended due to the defeat of the Demon Lord resulting to the 132 Hero Candidates to give up their life's dream and succumb to the harshness of reality which is: getting a real job.

Raul reluctantly landed a job at an electronics store called Magic Shop Leon where he spends his dull life tending to every customer's needs until one eventful day. His life took another turn when a peculiar part time job seeker came with a very disturbing resume that states an odd previous occupation: Demon Lord's Heir. With the appearance of Fino Bloodstone, Raul's everyday life as a salesman will never be the same again.

Yushibu is adapted from the light novel series of the same title which is written by Jun Sakyō and illustrated by Masaki Inuzumi and was awarded Gold in the 23rd Fantasia Awards. The anime is handled the Asread studio which started airing in the Fall of 2013.

There is quite an abundance of Heroes and Demon Lords story and setting hanging around the otaku world, nonetheless, Yushibu is definitely a unique existence that is worth paying attention to and is highly recommended to fans that are looking for a refreshing story about heroes and demon lords

Follow the odd antics of this peculiar duo and witness how their relationship turns out in Yushibu.



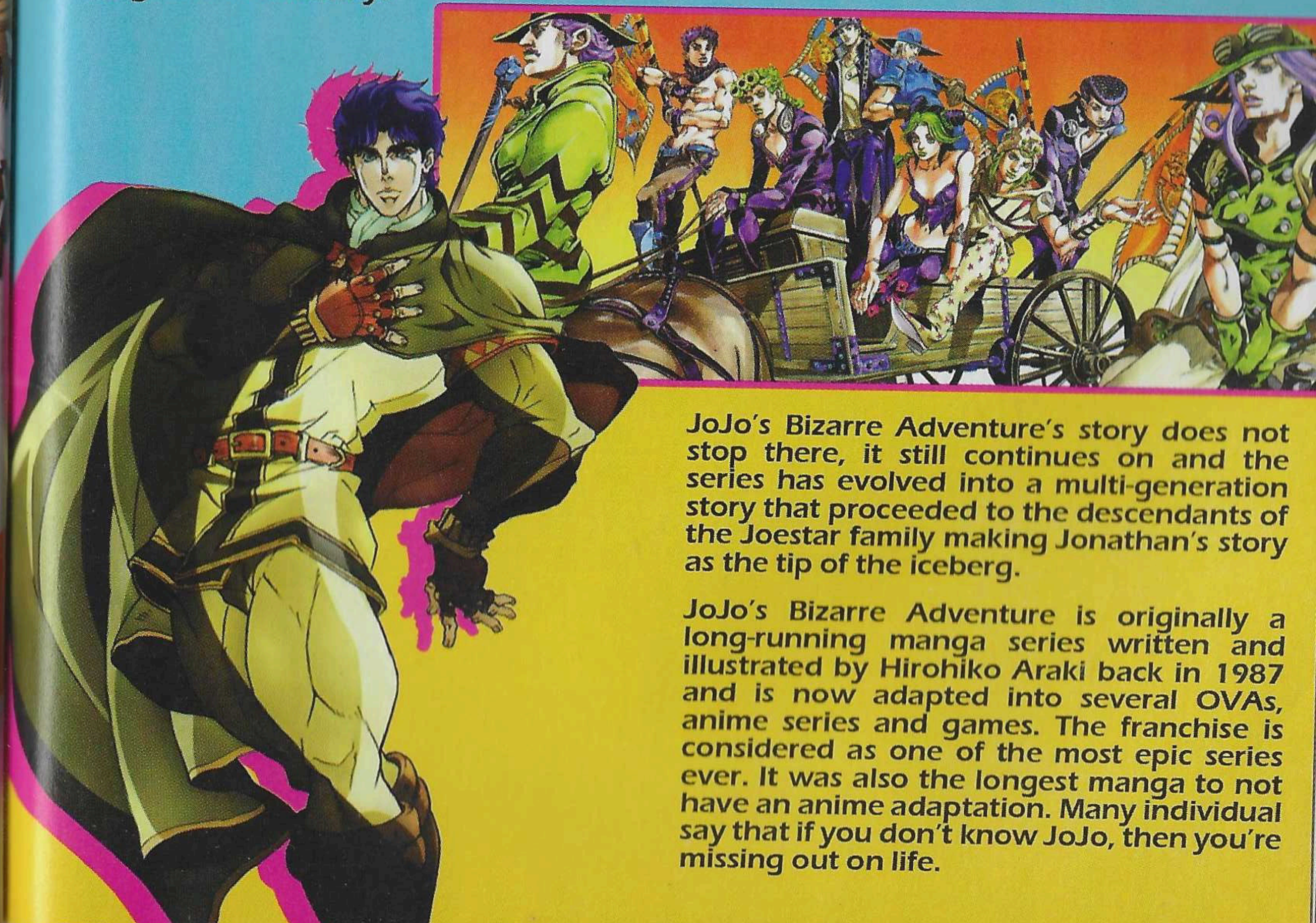
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# JoJo's BIZARRE ADVENTURE



Some individuals are destined for greatness, they are the chosen few that are gifted with unparalleled talents and are revered as geniuses and are backed up by their hardwork and perseverance. There are also those that strive for greatness with corrupt and underhanded schemes and would do anything and everything to fulfill their ambition. Would you prefer the former or the latter? Greatness is achieved to whichever path is pursued, but another thing is certain; an inevitable epic clash waits at the end of the road between the two.

JoJo's Bizarre Adventure revolves around the infamous adventures of the bloodline members of the Joestar family and their tireless battles with the supernatural realm. The tale begins in the late 1800s; Jonathan Joestar or JoJo's fate begins to turn when he met Dio Brando. Dio was taken in by Jonathan's father and raised him as his own son, except Dio has always been scheming to inherit all of the Joestar's fortune for himself. Upon one of their confrontations, Dio used the secret of an Aztec stone mask and turned himself into a vampire but Jonathan was able to defeat Dio and send him into a fiery blaze. Jonathan later learned that Dio is still alive and is now planning to take over the world. Jonathan decides to set forth on an adventure to thwart his rival's plan for good of humanity.



JoJo's Bizarre Adventure's story does not stop there, it still continues on and the series has evolved into a multi-generation story that proceeded to the descendants of the Joestar family making Jonathan's story as the tip of the iceberg.

JoJo's Bizarre Adventure is originally a long-running manga series written and illustrated by Hirohiko Araki back in 1987 and is now adapted into several OVAs, anime series and games. The franchise is considered as one of the most epic series ever. It was also the longest manga to not have an anime adaptation. Many individuals say that if you don't know JoJo, then you're missing out on life.



The Best

of

2013

in Otaku Asia

*"On this day, you have received an awesome reminder of the past..."*

The year 2013 has been phenomenal because of the fans' unprecedented support to anime, manga, games, music, and conventions, that came out and were held this year. Several of them were made famous in social networking sites; had attracted bigger fan bases in their respective passionate fandoms; and made more room for anime merchandise and toy collections. As an expression of gratitude, we would gladly lead your gaze in retrospect at the newsmakers of 2013 for all Otafans to obtain a record of what the best of the best this year are.

## Cosplay Mania 2013

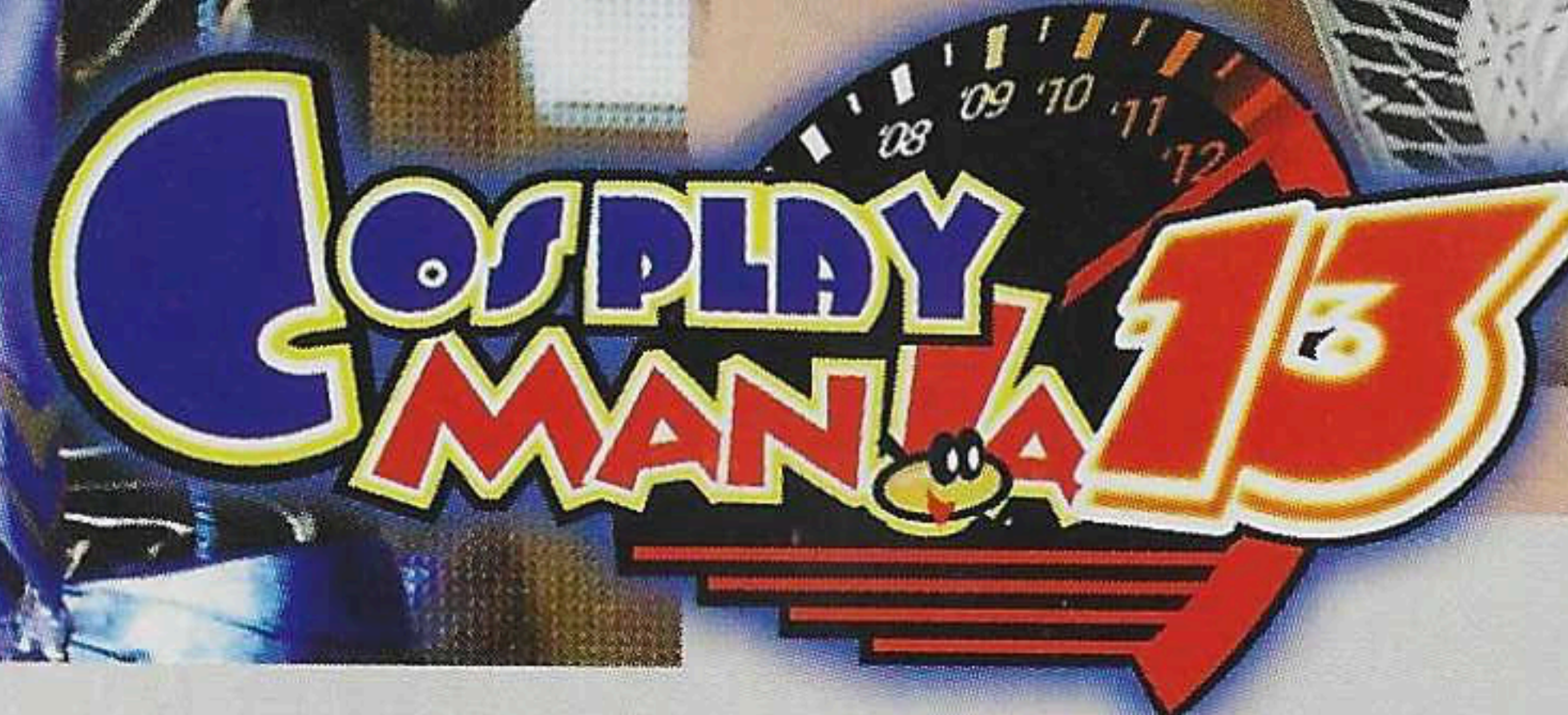
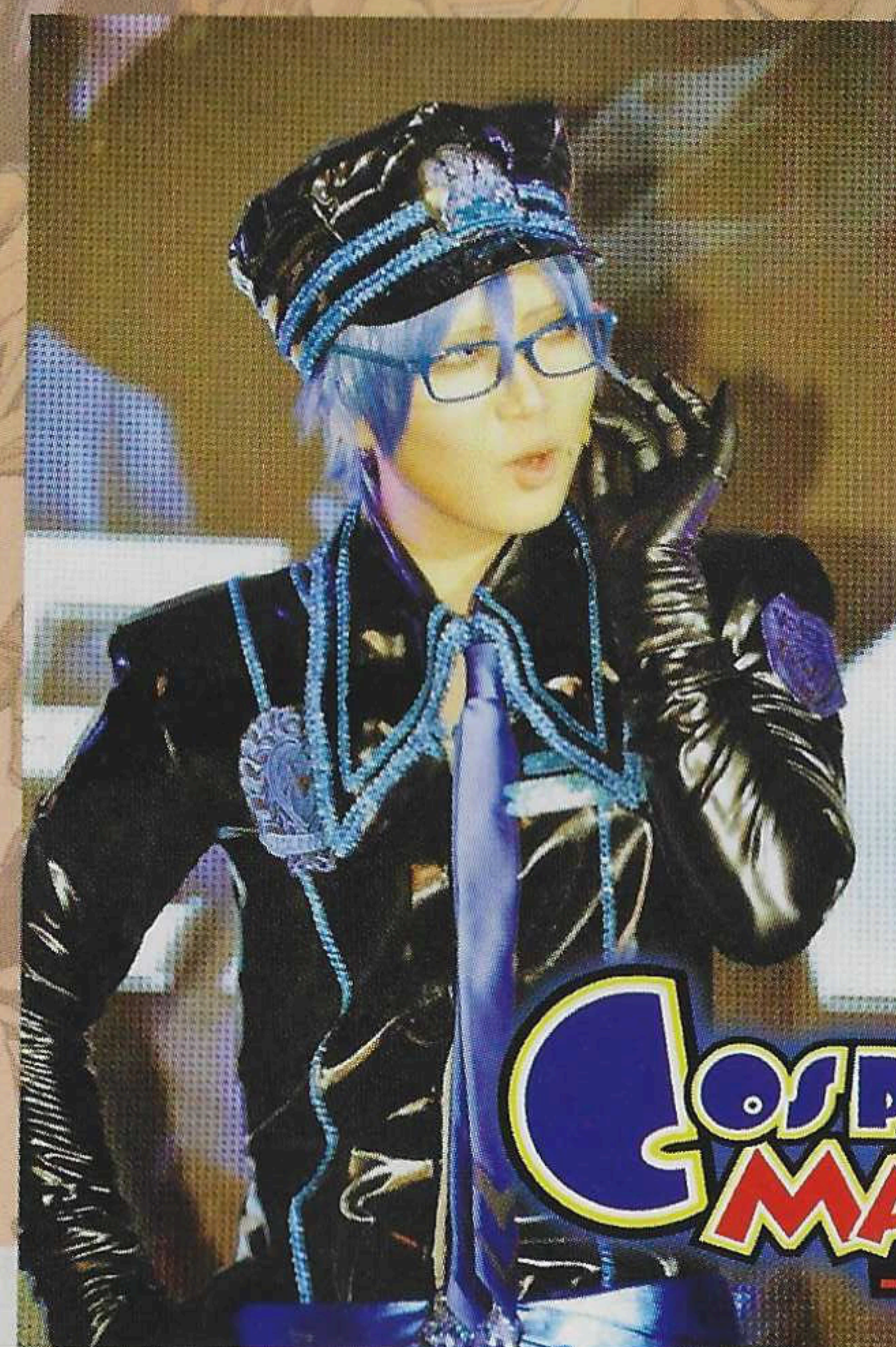
Cosplay Mania has, yet again, done it at SMX Convention Center last October 5-6, 2013. The lineup was the same with the previous events; what made it more delightful and enjoyable was the absence of animosity. The spirit of likeliness made people more sociable and friendly with one another. There were several cosplayers from the same anime, and the booths sell merchandise also from the same anime. This helped a lot in establishing comradeship among the event-goers during those two days. Everyone was talking about the same thing and no one got left out. CosMania also invited several international guests such as REIKA, KANAME, Great Illution, and Jesuke, Vio, Vic, and Reiko, which rattled the whole place. This was indeed, the ideal scenario in a good anime convention.

Best Event of 2013

Cosplay Mania 2013

Fantasy Quest 3

Rampage 2013



REIKA

With almost two decades of cosplay experience and being a fashion designer herself, REIKA at CosMania 2013 cosplayed as Kaito from Vocaloid and Lance Corporal Levi from Shingeki no Kyojin. She had been kind enough to accommodate her privileged "screamer" fangirls onstage in order for them to take some pictures with her. It was a heart-warming moment and jealousy-inducing at the same time from other REIKA fans. Nonetheless, the applause and screams she received from her stage performance and short interview proved that she was indeed a high-profile celebrity in the cosplay community and people would definitely plead for her to come back next year.

Best International Cosplayers

REIKA

KANAME

Jesuke, Vio, Vic, Reiko



# 2013 Game The Last of Us

Post-apocalyptic survival games have always appealed to most gamers. This PS3 game attests to modern plagues hitting earth, making only a very few people survive. But what made people play and support this game was the design of the environments and the suspenseful action-adventure that the characters, Joel and Ellie, had been forced to face.

## Best Games 2013

### The Last of Us

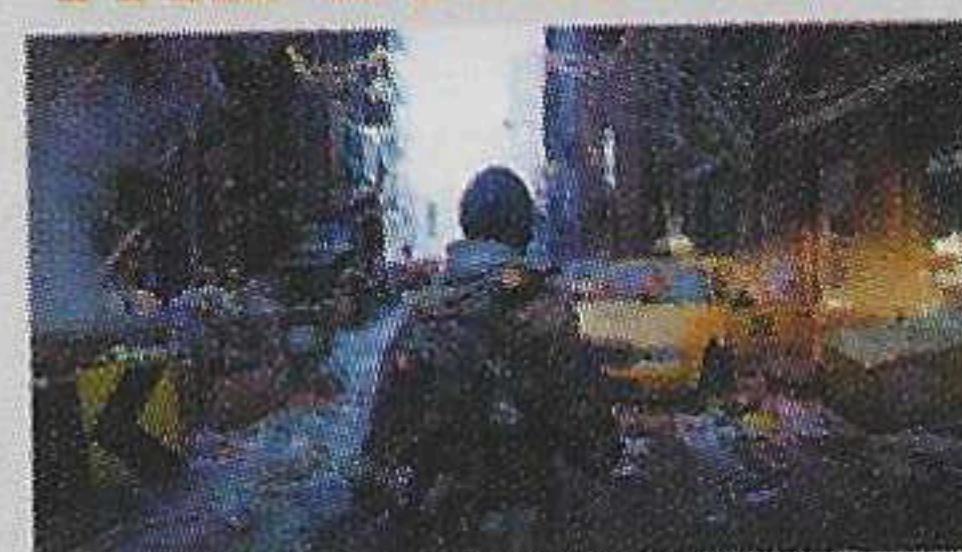
#### Remember me

The element that appealed the most to gamers to play Remember Me is the ability to manipulate memories. The gameplay itself is highly creative which earned patronage from gamers who long for mind-boggling games.

#### Pokemon X and Y

Pokemon game fans had been making quite some noise even before X and Y came out. The game had followers; all they needed back then was the game itself.

## 2014 Games to watch out for THE DIVISION



Yet another post apocalyptic setting? COUNT US IN!

## DESTINY



Custom characters? LOOTS?! Peter Dinklage of Game of Thrones lends his voice for the AI companion. AWESOME!

# 2013 Manga One Piece by Eiichiro Oda



With almost eight million copies sold in Japan in the first half of the year 2013 alone, Eiichiro Oda has yet again proved himself to be one of the top-selling manga artists of his time. This manga about pirate friends never failed to make it on the best five, and has also been a long-running manga since 2001. It is the only manga series to have a Dome Tour event where fans gather in domes, acting as if they were pirates in a huge ship.

## Top Selling Manga One Piece

### Magi: The Labyrinth of Magic

It has sold almost 4.8 million copies in Japan. Because of its popularity, an anime version has been produced in the year 2012 and a second season has aired this October 2013.

### Kuroko no Basuke

4.7 million copies sold in Japan.

It is praised primarily for its enthralling progression and cliff hanger chapter endings.

Fans of AKB48 have extended to NMB48 when it was formed in the year 2011. Teppen Tottande!, the girl group's 2013 album, topped the Oricon chart in 2013 and has sold over 300,000 copies on its first week alone. Undoubtedly, the support that NMB48 gets from fans is unwavering and consistent, and it is thanks to them that the girl group is now nearing its third birthday.

## Top Selling Album

### NMB48 – Teppen Tottande!

#### Funky Monkey Babys

FUNKY MONKEY BABYS LAST BEST

#### EXILE

EXILE BEST HITS - LOVE SIDE/SOUL SIDE

## TOP 3 ARTISTS voted to perform for Tokyo 2020 Olympics

Southern All Stars

Arashi

EXILE



Tell us what you think!



# 2013 Music NMB48





# 2013 Anime Shingeki no Kyojin

Seriously, who doesn't know Shingeki no Kyojin? We heard a lot of Otafans double guessing the anime if they will watch it or not and if it has become too mainstream. In the end, you were compelled to watch it because everyone's talking about it. In anime and cosplay conventions, how many Eren's or Levi-Heichou's have we seen? Its unique plot and distinctive art brought millions of people to tears. Each character's diversity added to the anime's overall mystery. There is no arguing that it's the 2014 anime.

## Top 3 Spring Anime Shingeki no Kyojin

### Yahari no Seishun Love Come Wa Machigatteiru

Asocial anime fans primarily have related well to Oregairu because of the characters, that's why it has gained a lot of supporters since its airing.

### Hataraku Maou-sama!

Atrocity and comedy are such an unusual combination but Hataraku Maousama! had it combined perfectly.

Do you agree in this year's Anime?  
If you have your other choice/s tell us!

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The biggest twist is that it's not just a swimming anime with hot guys in it. The audience got drawn to the story itself while, naturally, adoring muscle-toned bodies of the swimming boys.

## Top 3 Summer Anime

### Free! Iwatobi Swim Club

### Karneval

Despite the monsters in the anime, fans feel so lively just by watching it because of the vibrant colours present in every episode.

### Watamote

There are a lot of otakus who could connect with WataMote.



Non-players watched the anime even without the knowledge of it being a game as they were entirely enticed by its sadistic plot. With its combined gamer and non-gamer audiences, Dangan Ronpa: The Animation was sure to hit the first spot in the fall anime category.

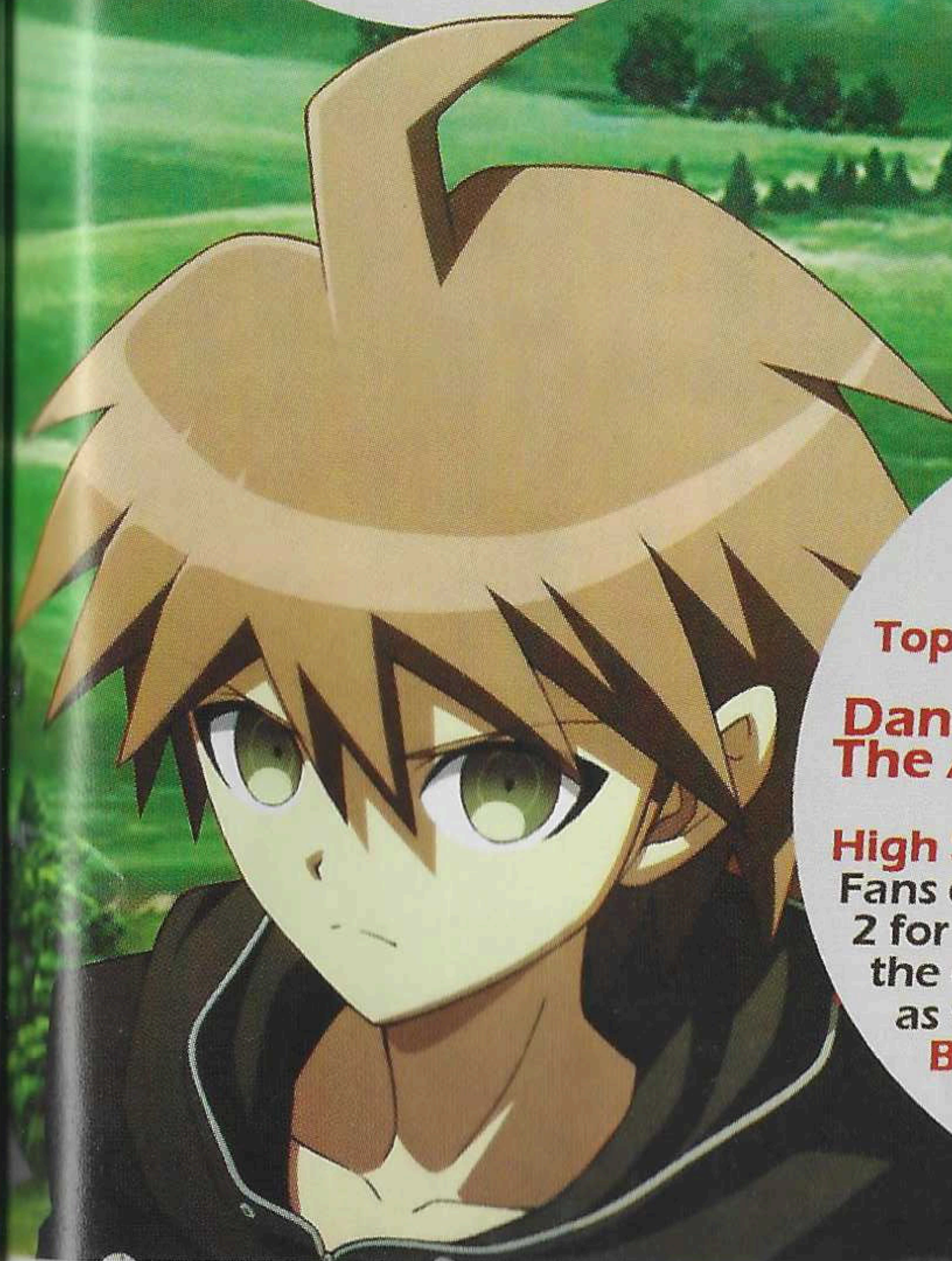
## Top 5 Fall Anime

### Danganronpa: The Animation

### High School DxD S2

Fans eagerly wait and watch season 2 for the revelation of secrets and the continuation of Issei's quest as the Harem King.

### Brothers Conflict



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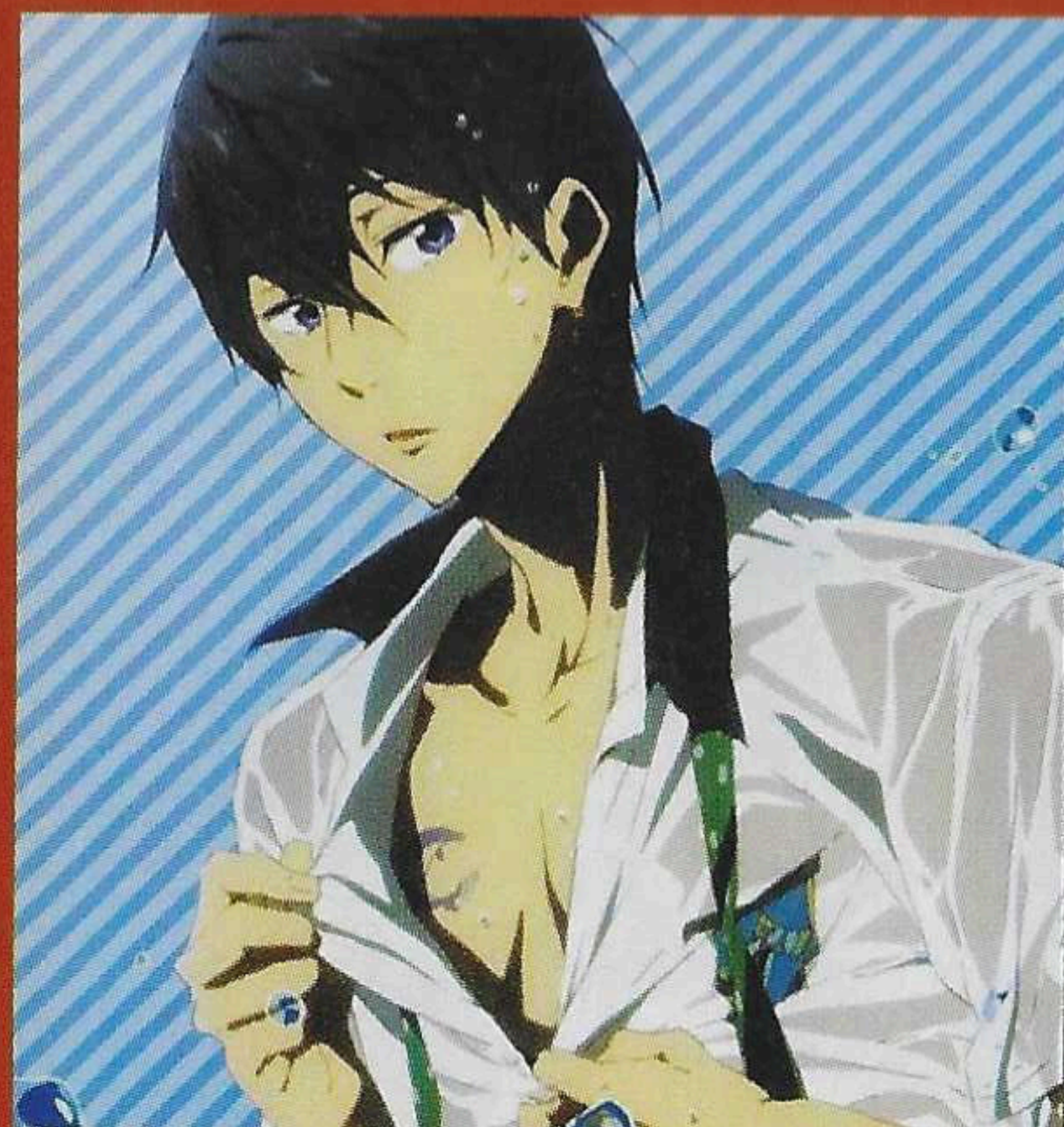
**Anime of 2012**  
Sword Art Online  
Koroko no Basuke



# 2013 Male Character

## Captain Levi

Creased eyebrows, impassive eyes, and fierce command, Lance Corporal Levi is indeed the embodiment of a true soldier. The eccentric combination of his aloof attitude, authoritative nature, excellent Titan-killing tricks, and obsessive compulsiveness in cleaning made him the most loved character in Shingeki no Kyojin. As of late, he is the subject of most cosplays be it casual or the soldier-type, and more and more short people (primarily females) are taking advantage of this opportunity. This effect, we expect no less from humanity's strongest soldier and most favourite.



**Haruka Nanase**  
Free! Iwatobi Swim Club

Haru's love for water made him one of the most interesting main characters of 2013. Rarely do we see someone who considers a first sight of the waterfall a romantic encounter. Along with his weird but remarkable water-fetish, his good looks and amazing body won't go unnoticed; something that fans won't easily forget.



**Makoto Naegi**  
Dangan Ronpa: The Animation

He is the package deal. His cool and level-headed attitude makes him an average character. While some fans repulse his capability as the main character, this makes him even more popular with both his lovers and haters.



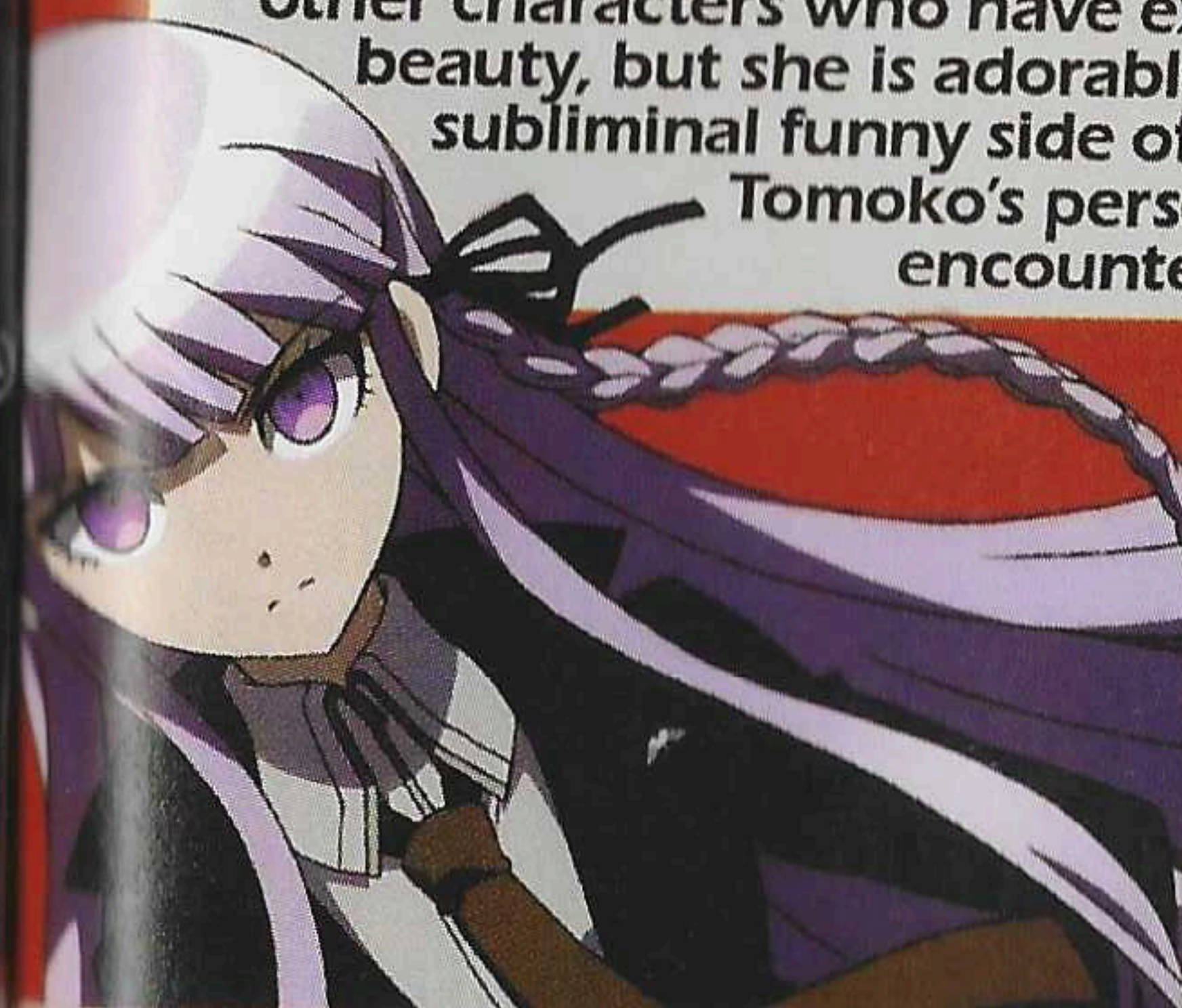
# 2013 Female Character

## Mikasa Ackerman

The top graduate of the 104th trainees squad is also our top female anime character of 2013. This is not shocking at all as everyone acknowledges the fact that she is worth a hundred soldiers. Her abilities are unquestionable, and her beauty has captured the hearts of many. Additionally, since she is the only one coming from the Orient in the anime, most Asian fans consider her a rare treasure. She intermingles with her co-trainees out there who are undoubtedly European men. She is also considered Lance Corporal Levi's female counterpart. Truly, with Mikasa Ackerman's beauty, strategy, and aptitude, she deserves this spot.

**Tomoko Kuroki**  
Watamote

Tomoko made it this far in our top three because of her continuous struggle in her pursuit of social life. She is not like other characters who have extraordinary abilities or beauty, but she is adorable in her own little way. The subliminal funny side of WataMote alongside Tomoko's personality is a refreshing encounter in anime.



**Kyouko Kirigiri**  
Danganronpa: The Animation

Her super high school level detective title can't be limited only to that because her ability to solve cases and her intellect amidst trouble surpasses standards. Physical-wise, her beautiful braided purple hair is what makes her easily remembered.



wanna bet on next years male and female characters?

These are our candidates.

What about you?



Nisekoi

Nepuu Kairiku Bushi Road

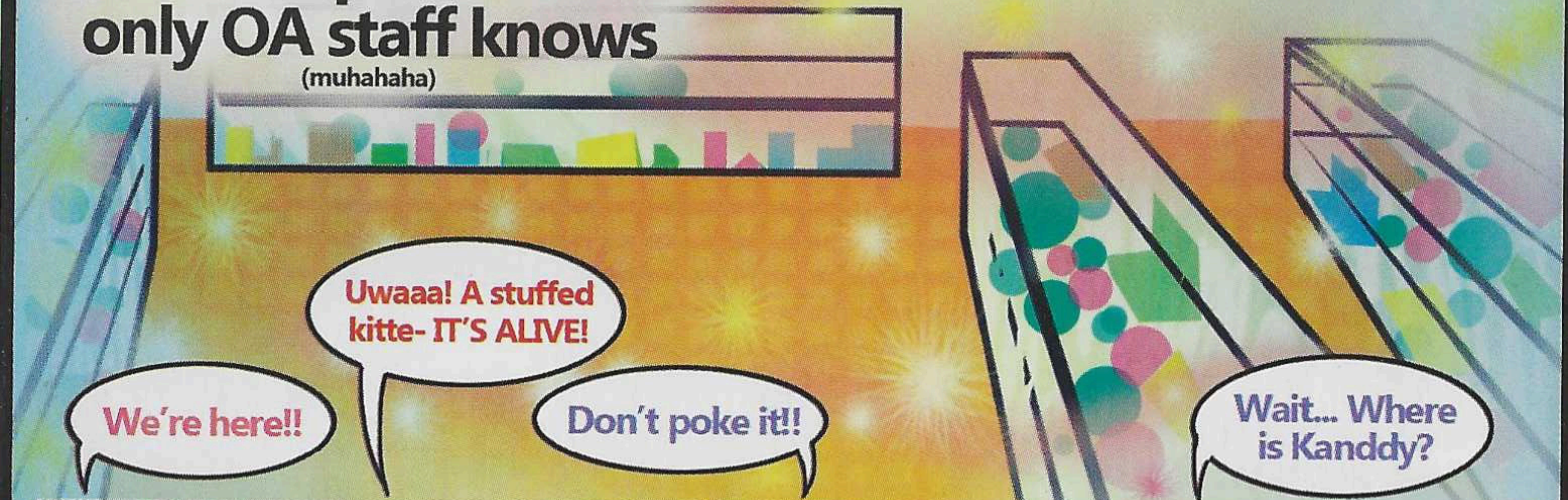
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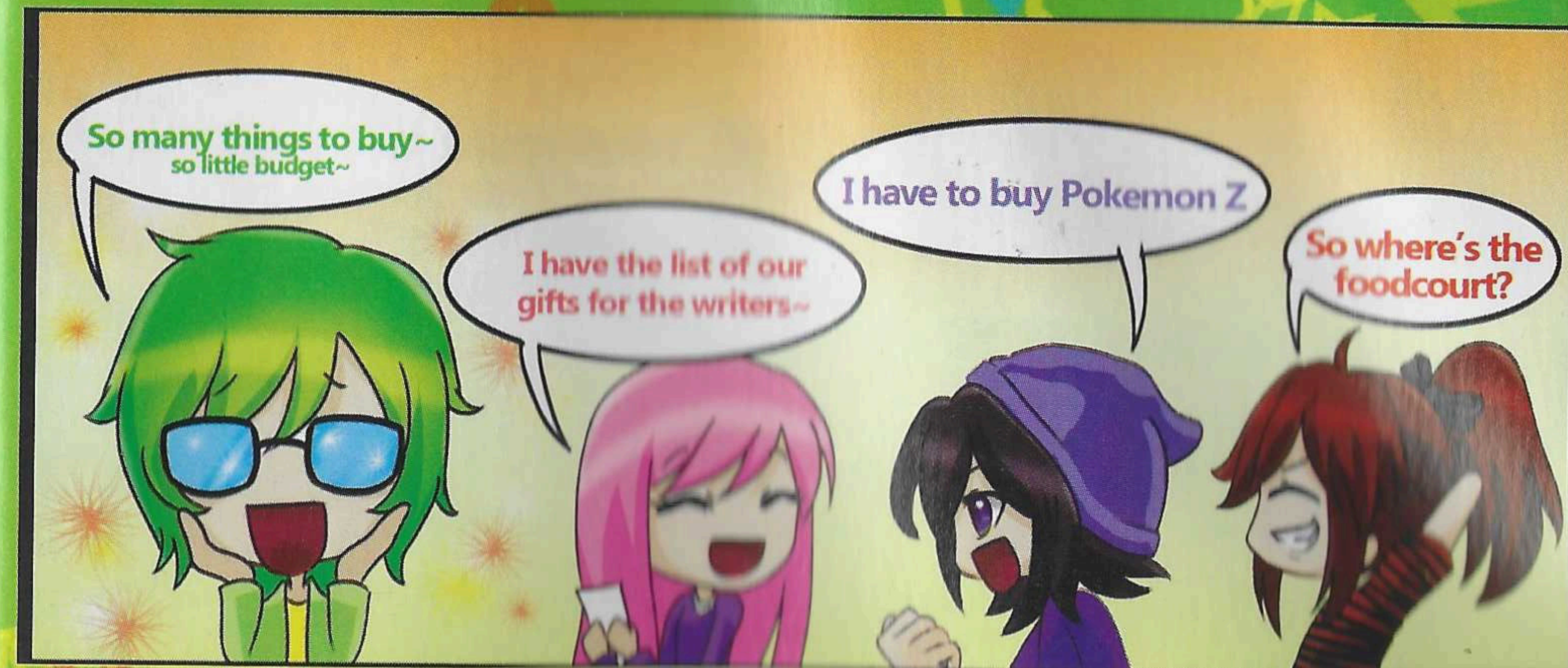
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Welcome to a secret shop in divi that only OA staff knows  
(muahaha)



At the 2nd floor...







# STAFF

## Kanddy

1. Frog, Naruto frog wallet, Sgt. Frog merch, EVERYTHING FROG.
2. because aliens are coming and babies poop everywhere. Also because love hurts and time heals. Let's donate to Haiyan victims.



## Ren

1. Desmond Miles' official jacket from Assassin's Creed ;\_;
2. 'Cause I love hoodies and I love AC Owob



## Rhaine

1. (not anime though~) Grandchase merchandise <3 I would really want customized nendoroids and dakimakuras :3
2. \*whistles\* I want(need) to stare and hug Zero :3



## Ann

1. Cute magnetic bookmarks of Keiichi and Belladonna (Ah! My Goddess)
2. Because I love Ah! My Goddess and I love reading books. (Just not textbooks, please)



## Reikisha

1. A life-sized Tamamo-no-Mae (Fake/Extra Caster) Figure!
2. Because I like Kyaster <3



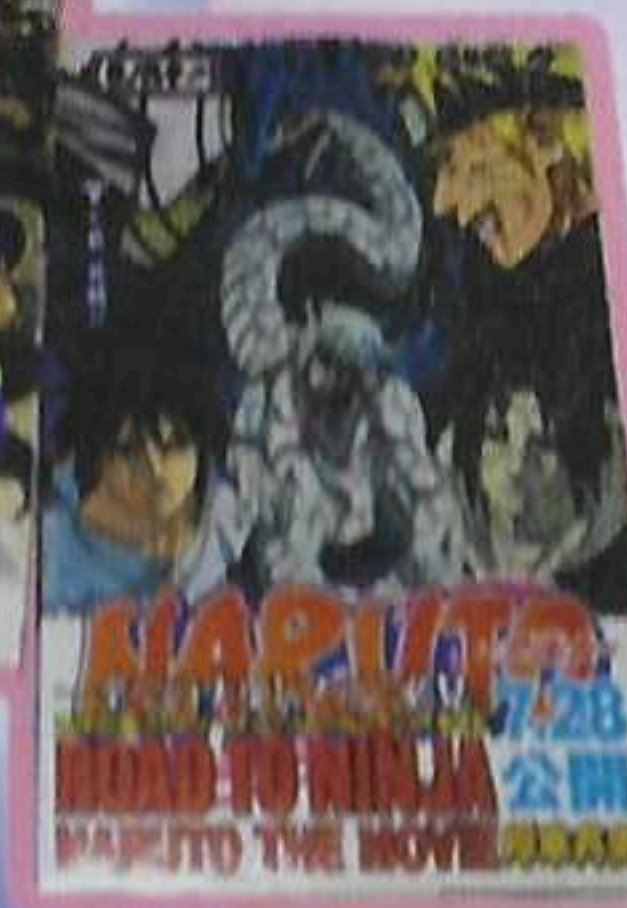
## Crost

1. All the anime scale figures on my wishlist.
2. Because they are now rare and expensive.



## James

1. A Functional 3D maneuver gear.
2. So that I could climb walls and zoom around rooftops.

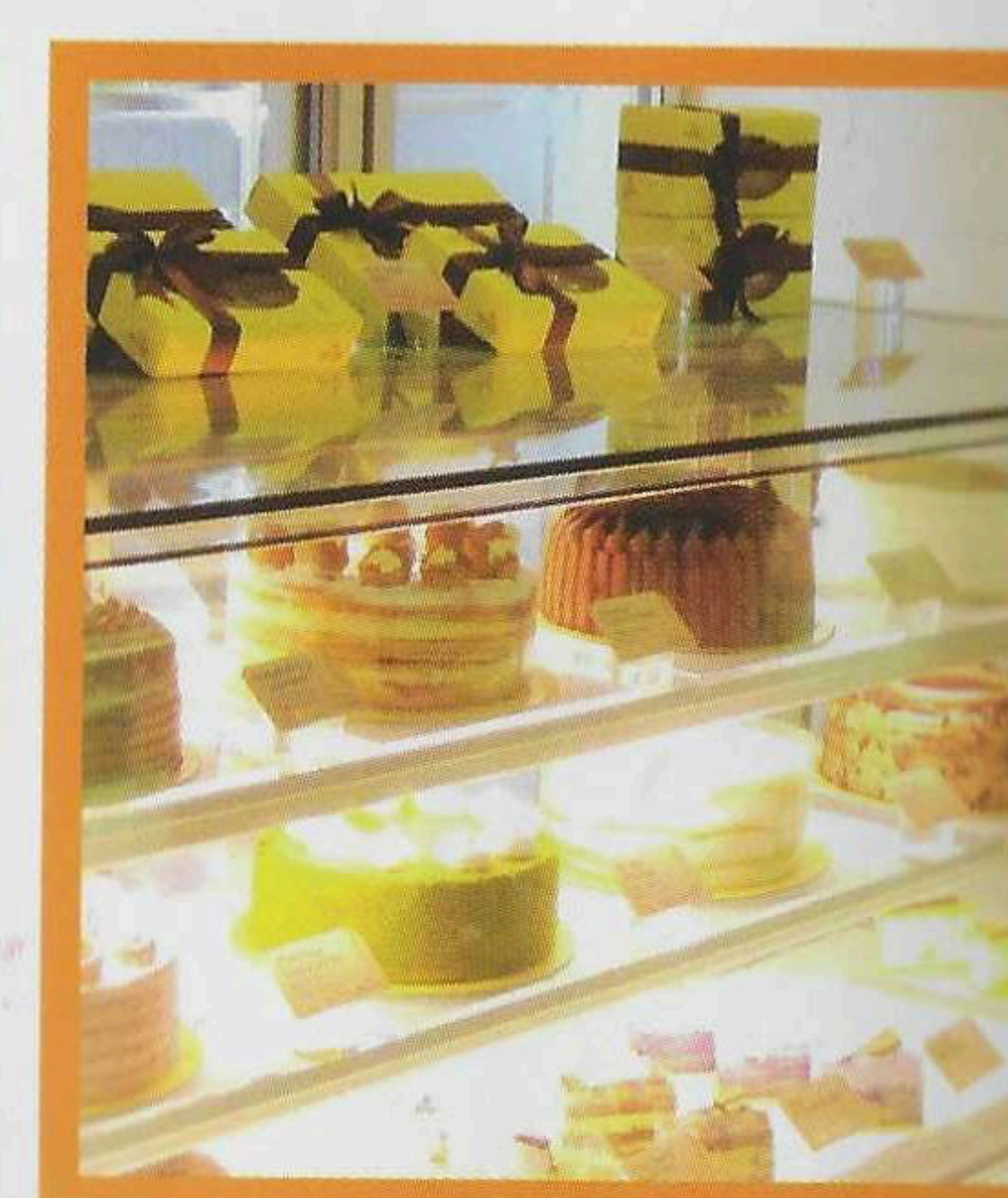


## Yani

1. Naruto Maki no Shinobi: Road to Ninja Guide book
2. Because Menma's there (fangirl mode activated) and I'm a Naruto fan~)

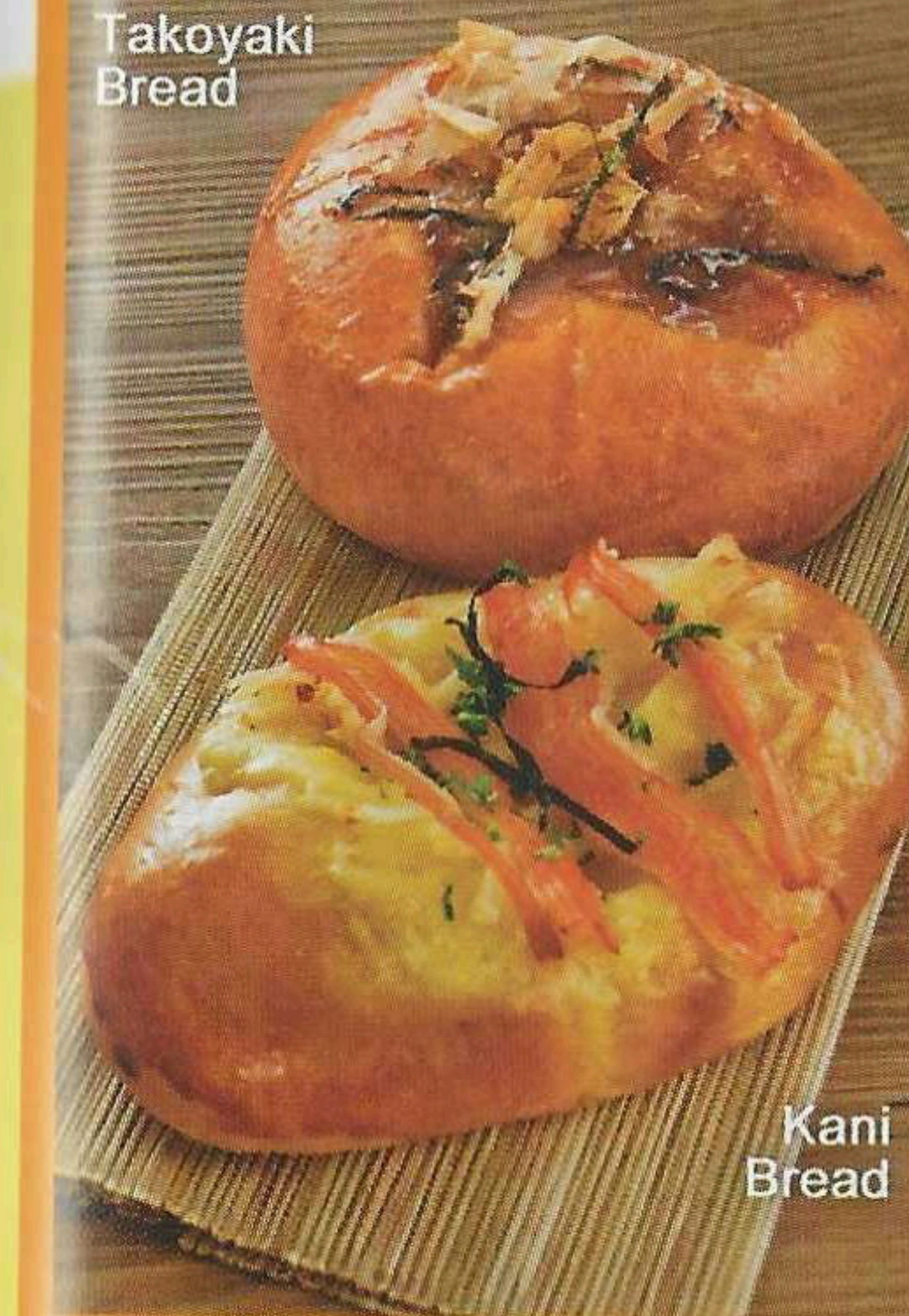


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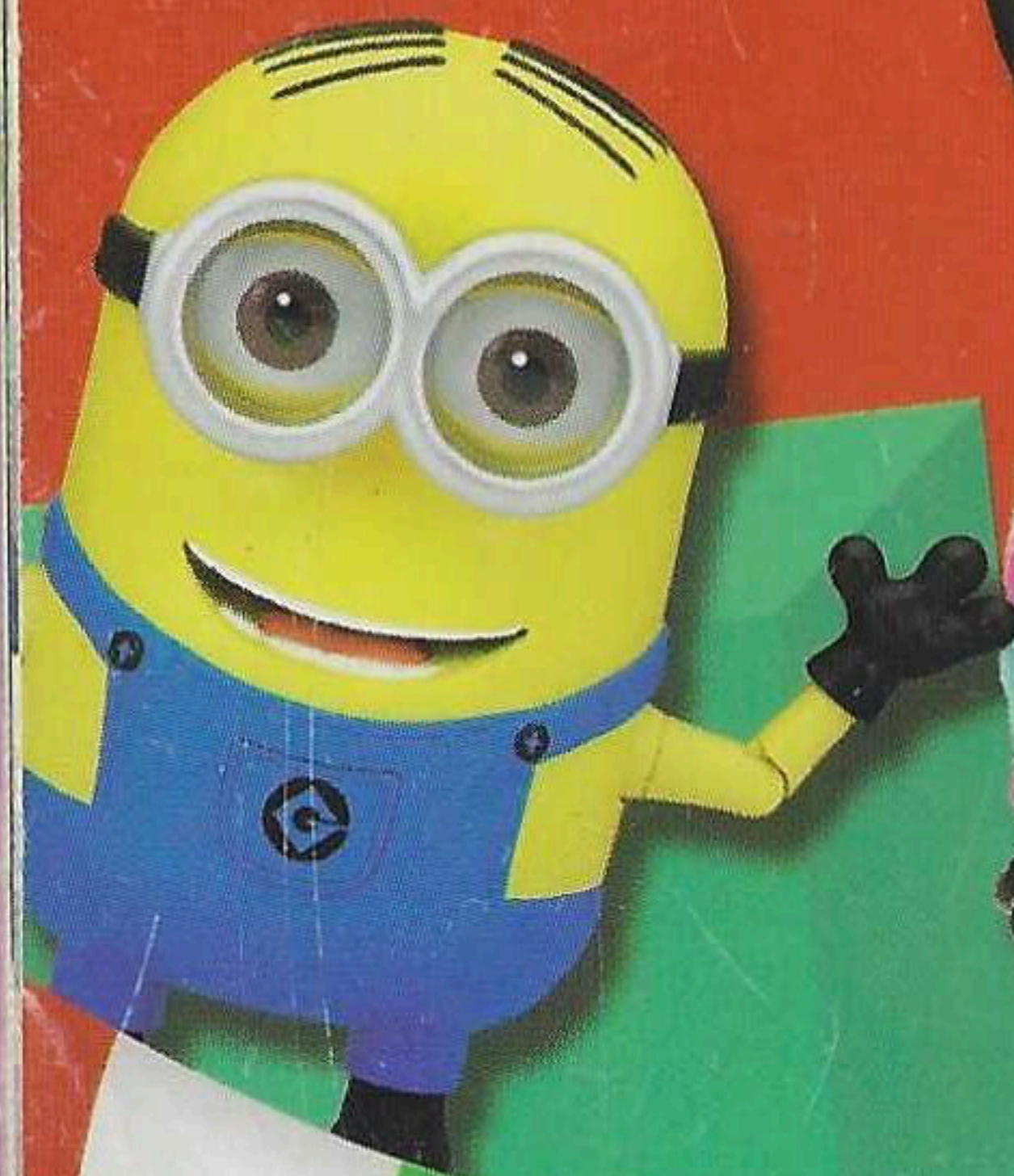
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